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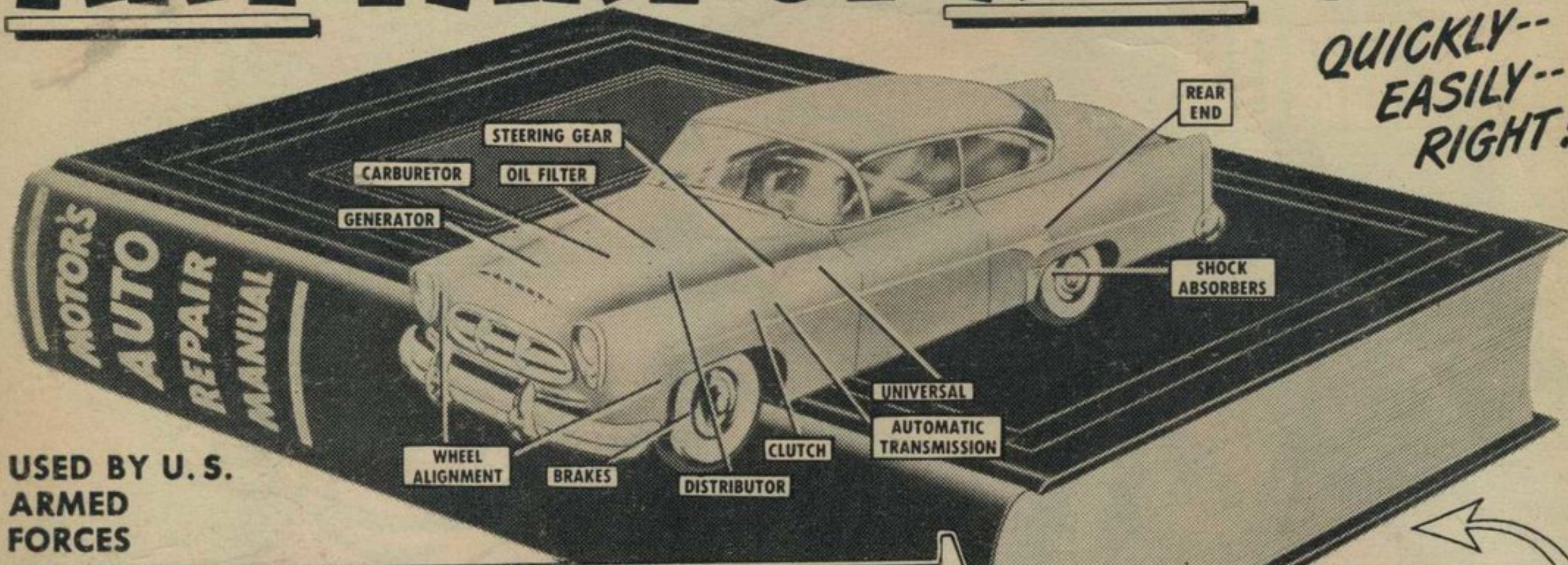
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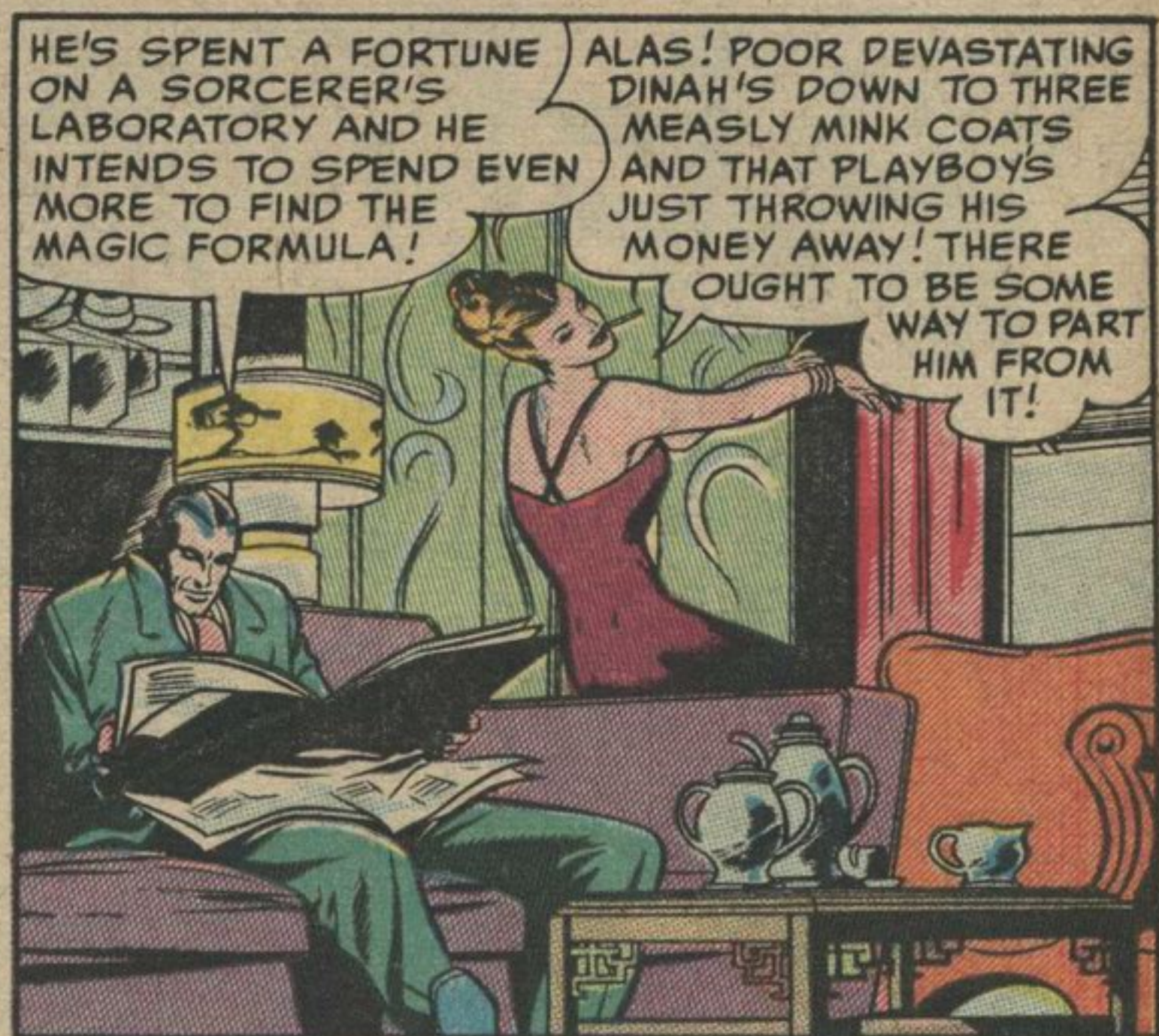
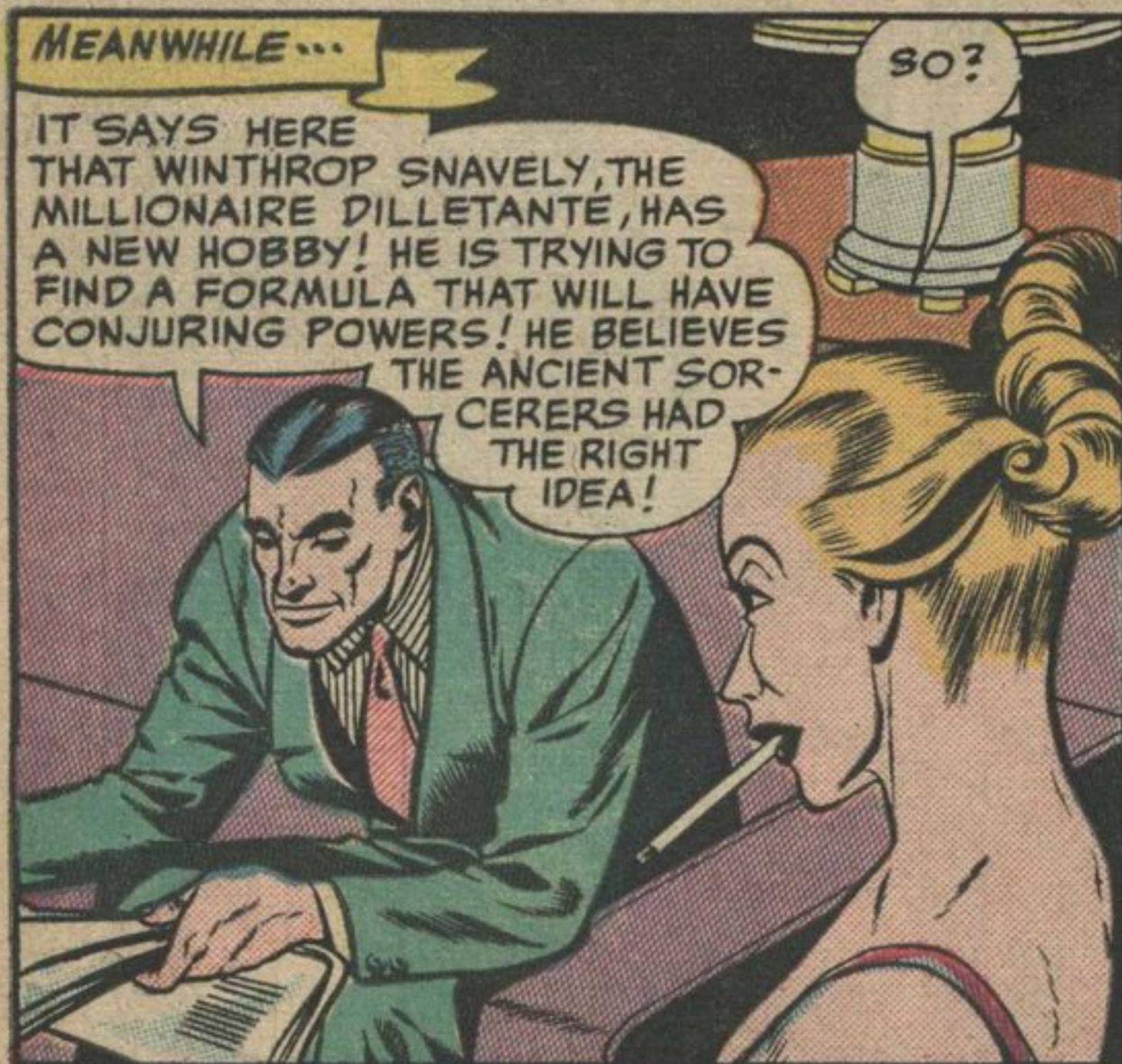
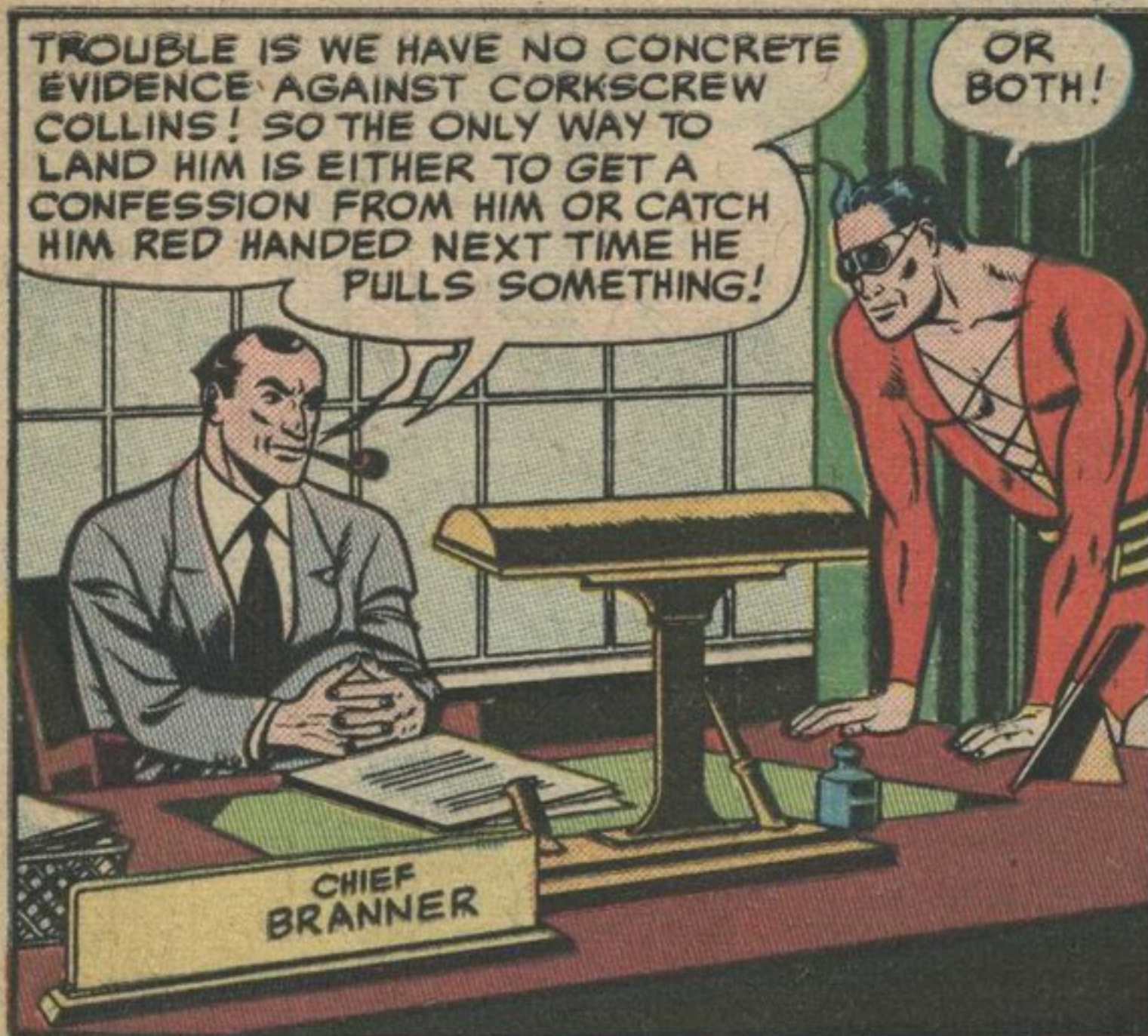


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A SURPRISE THAT
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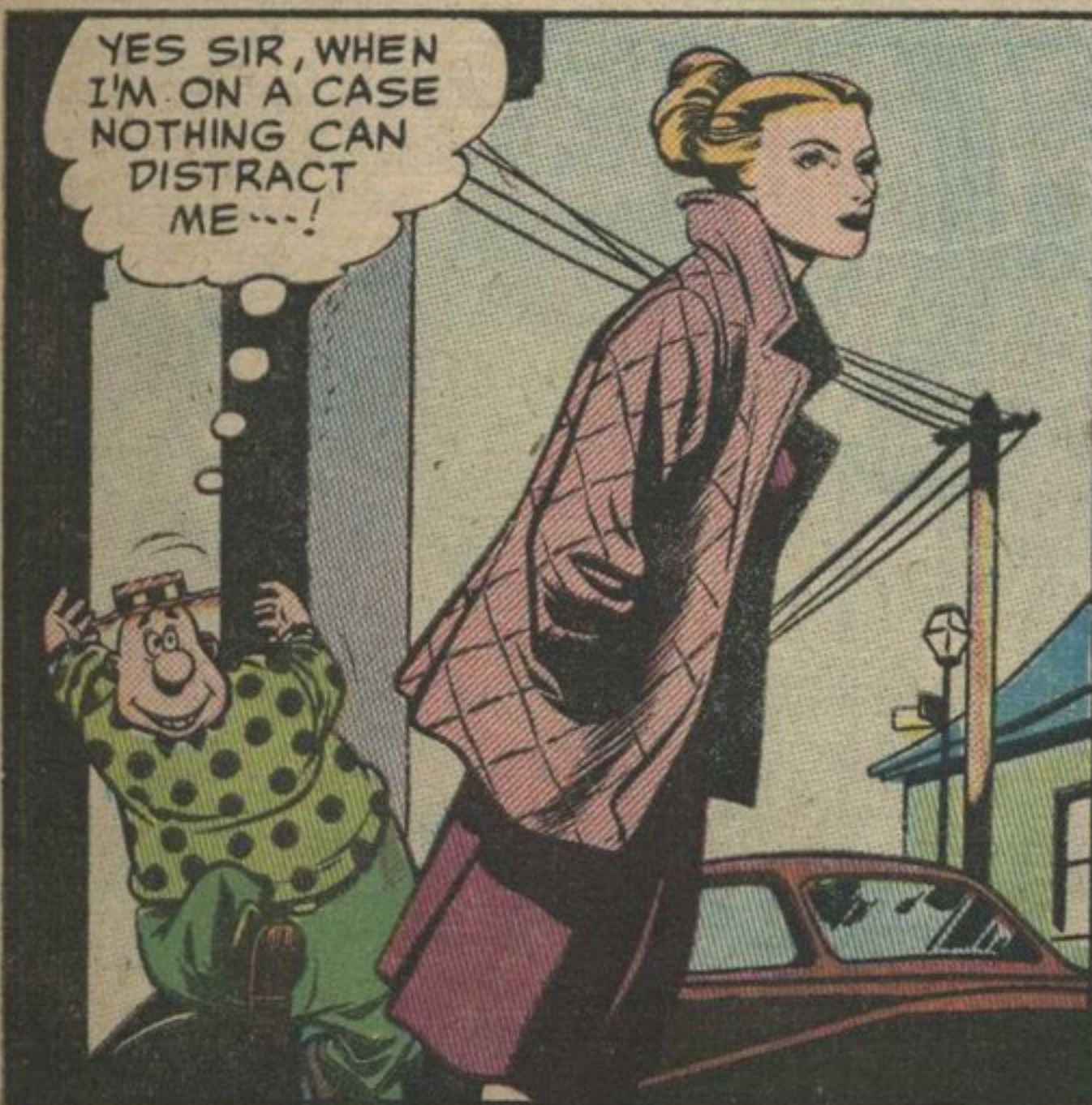
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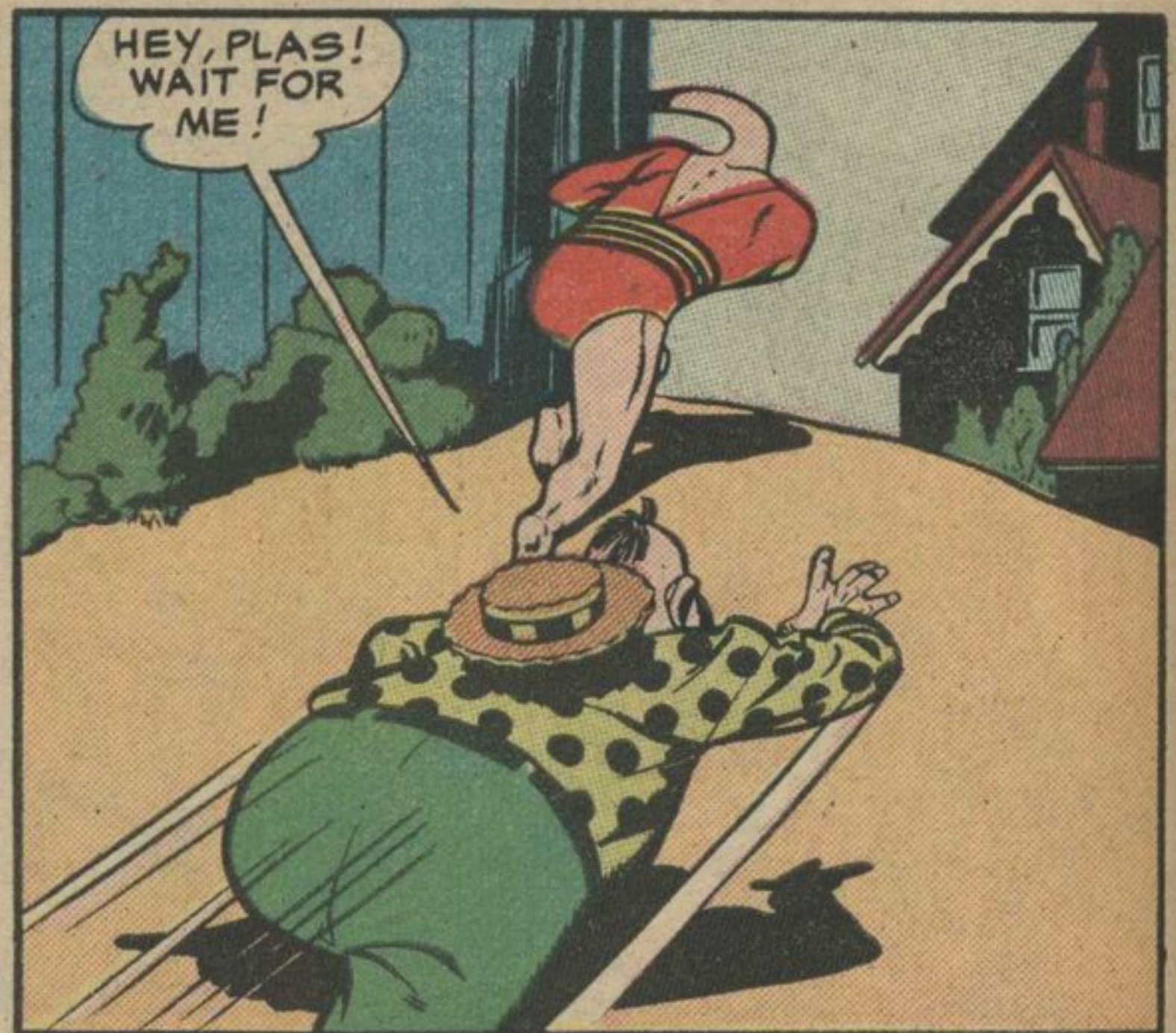
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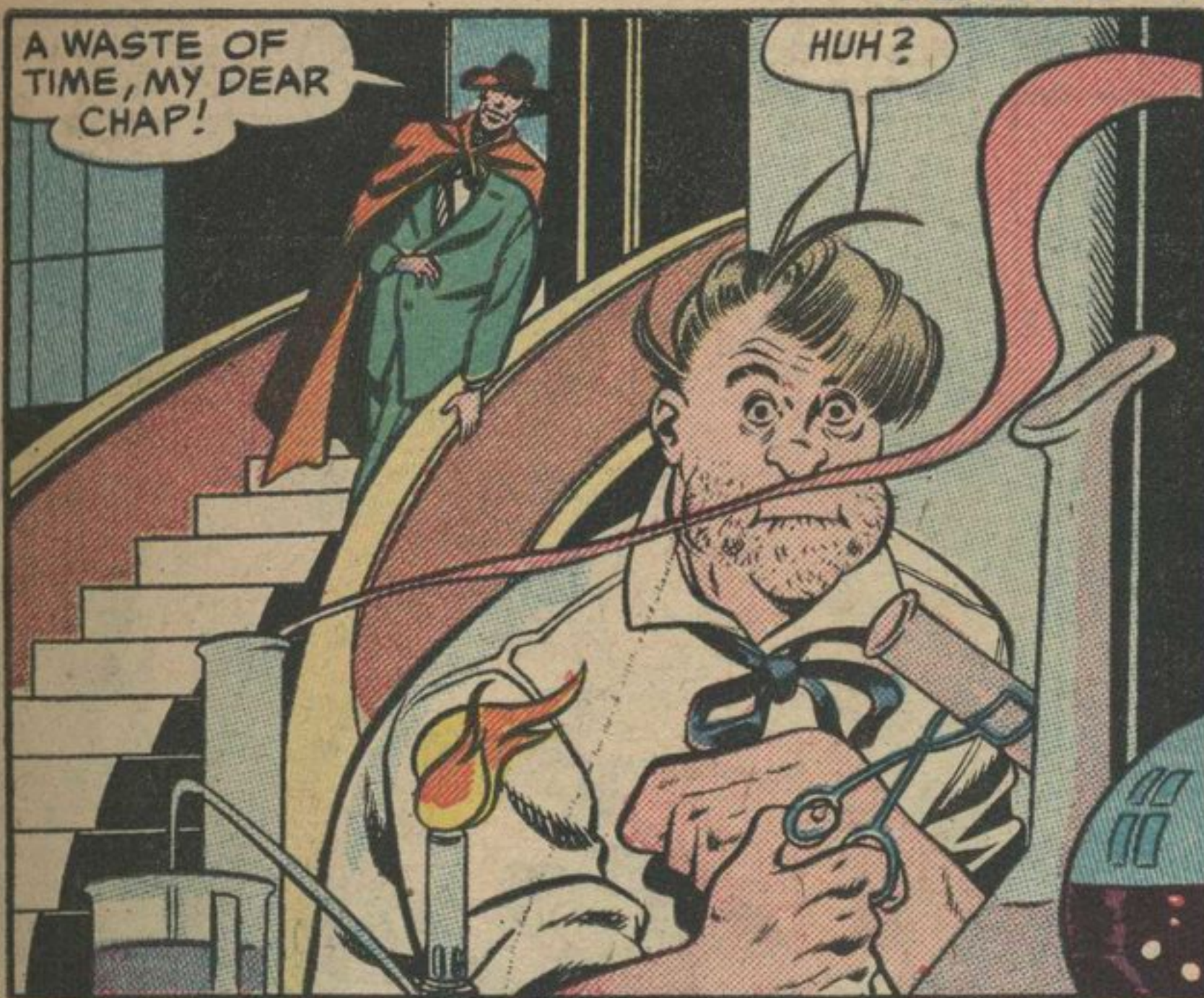
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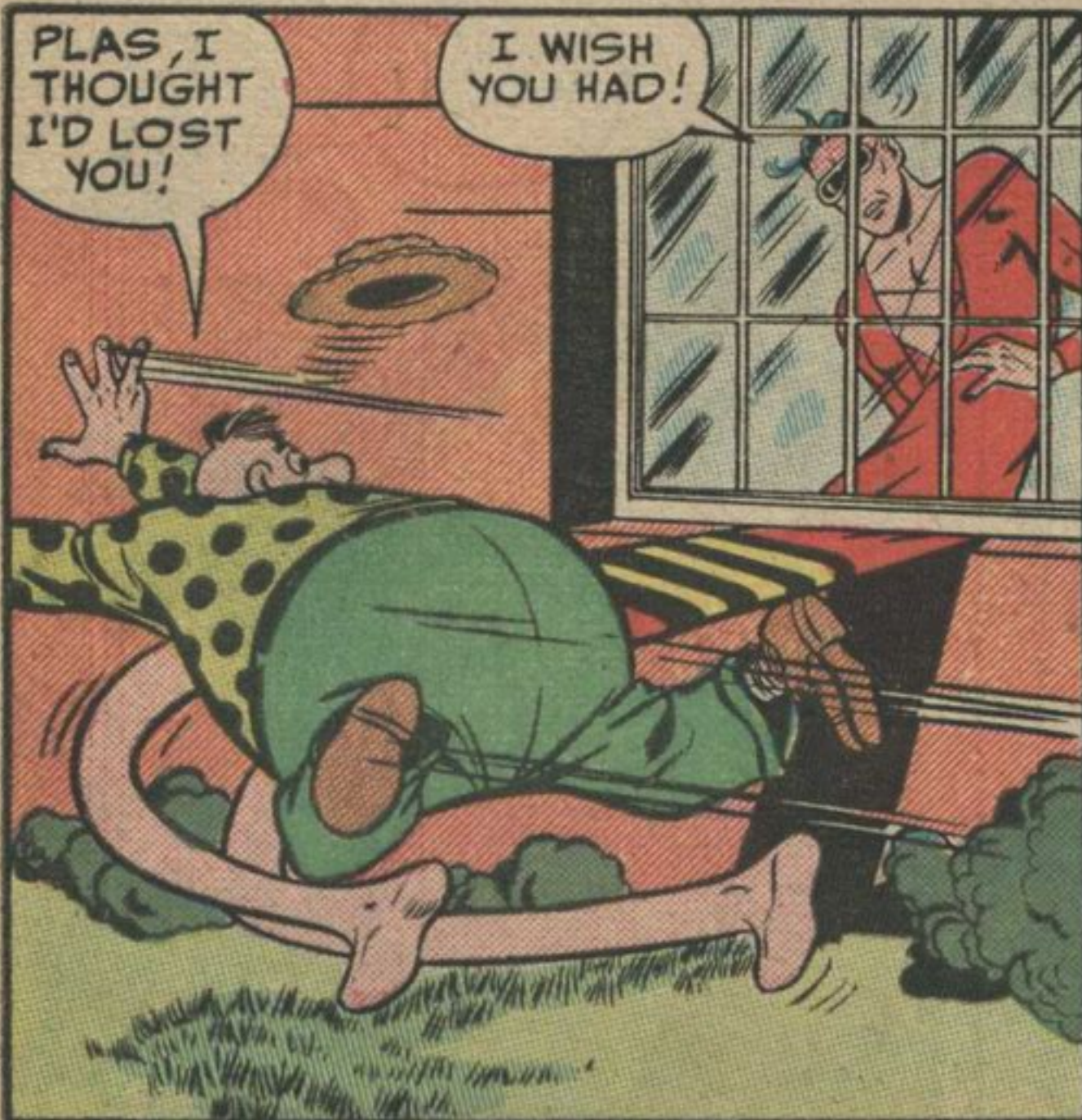
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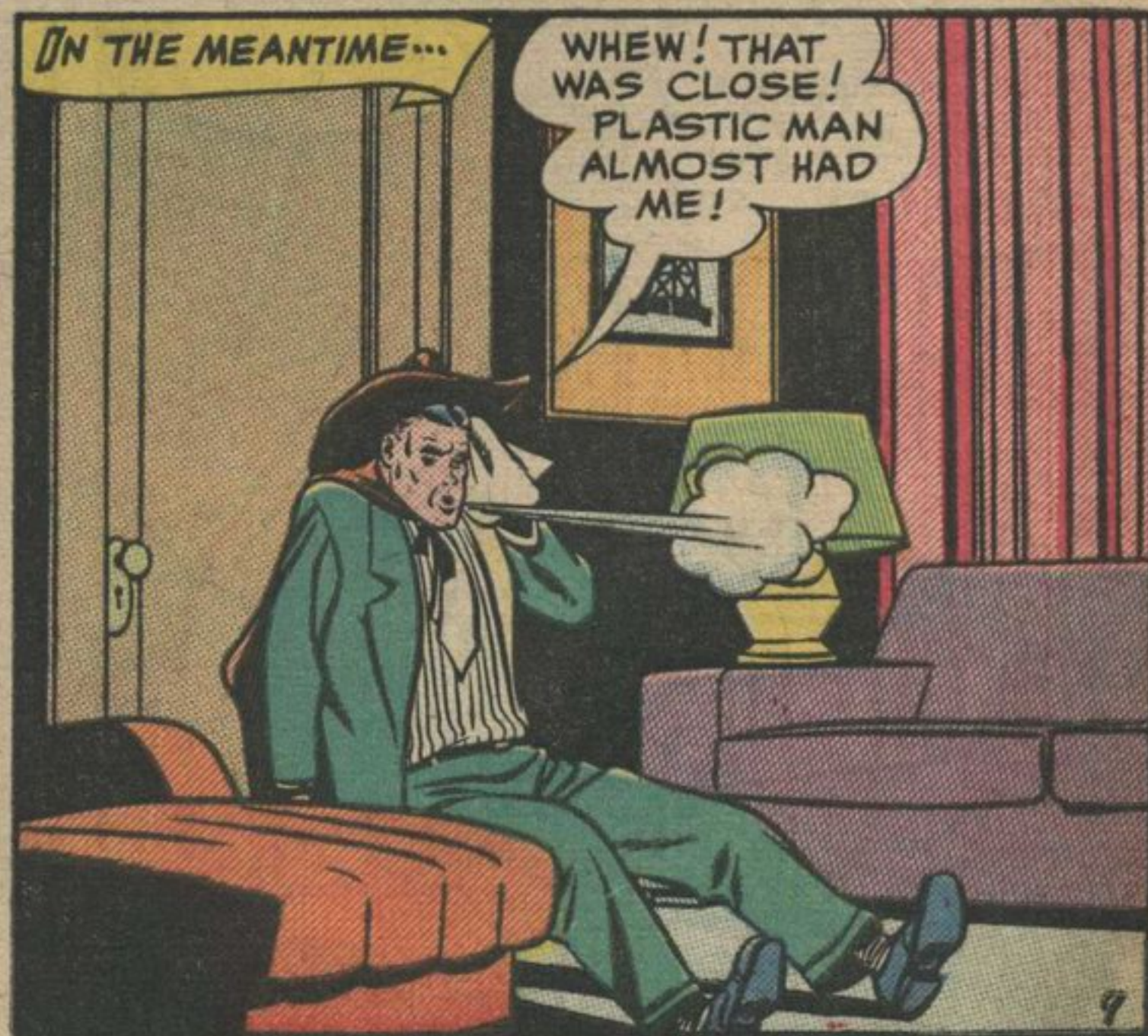
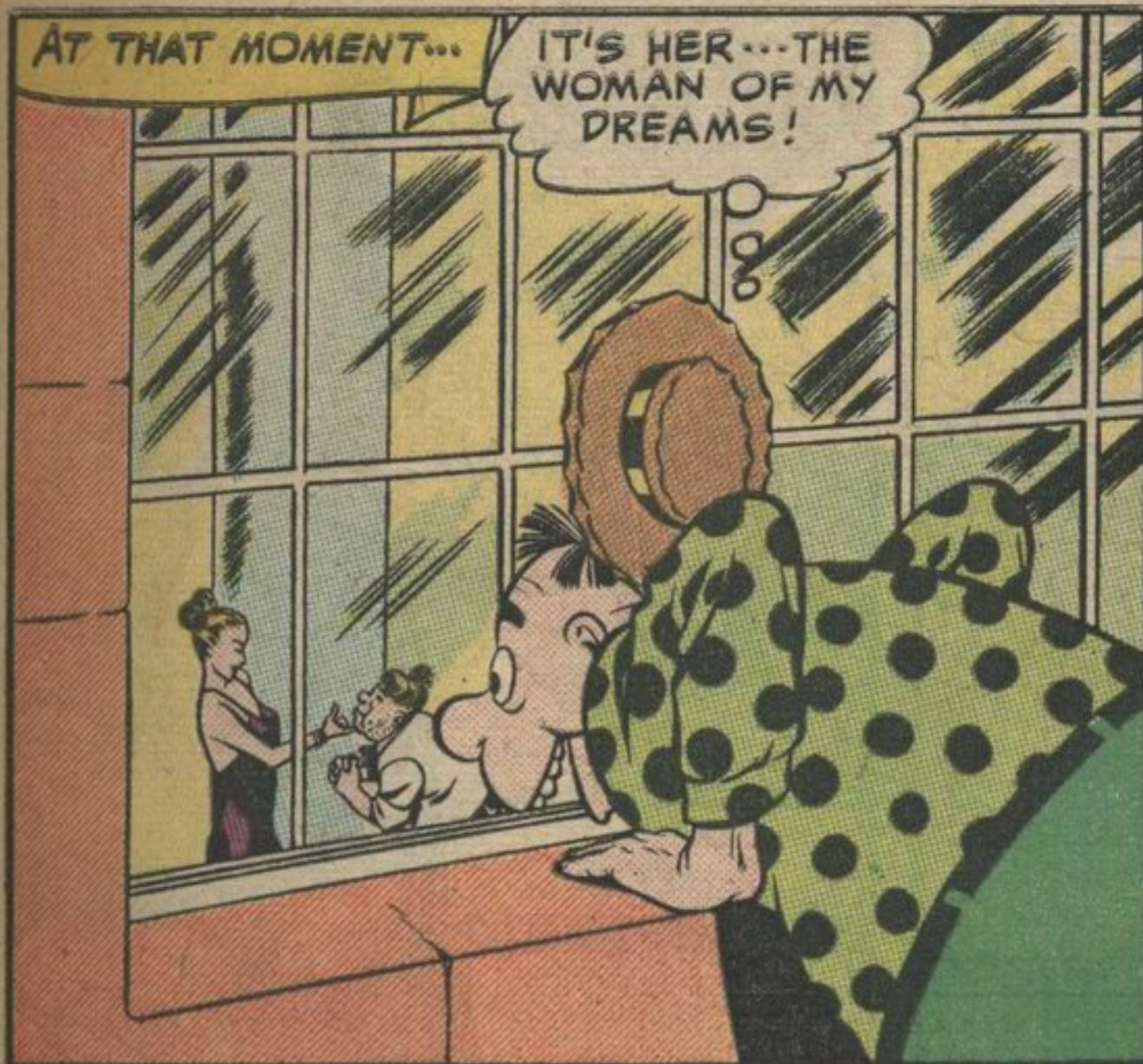
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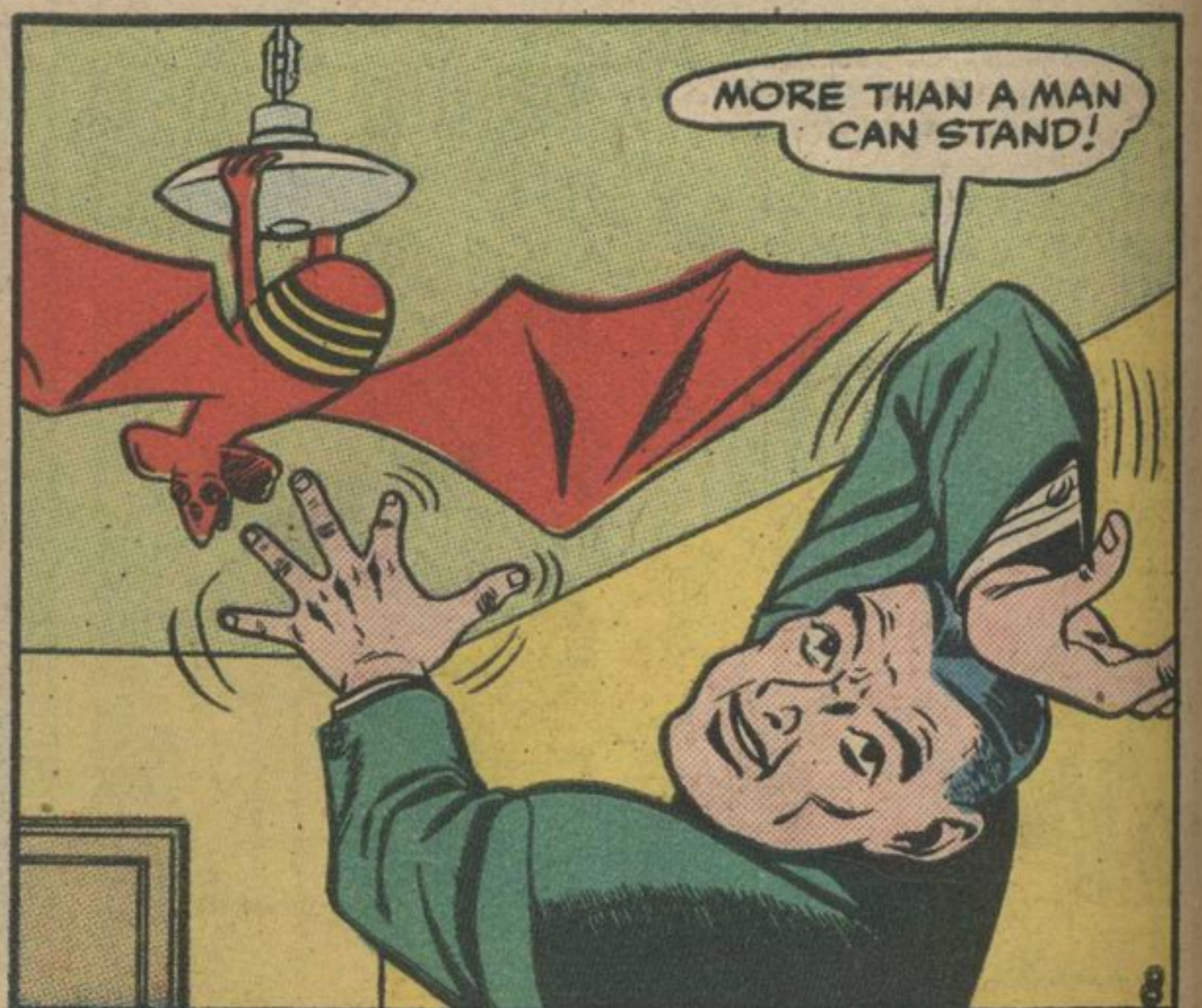
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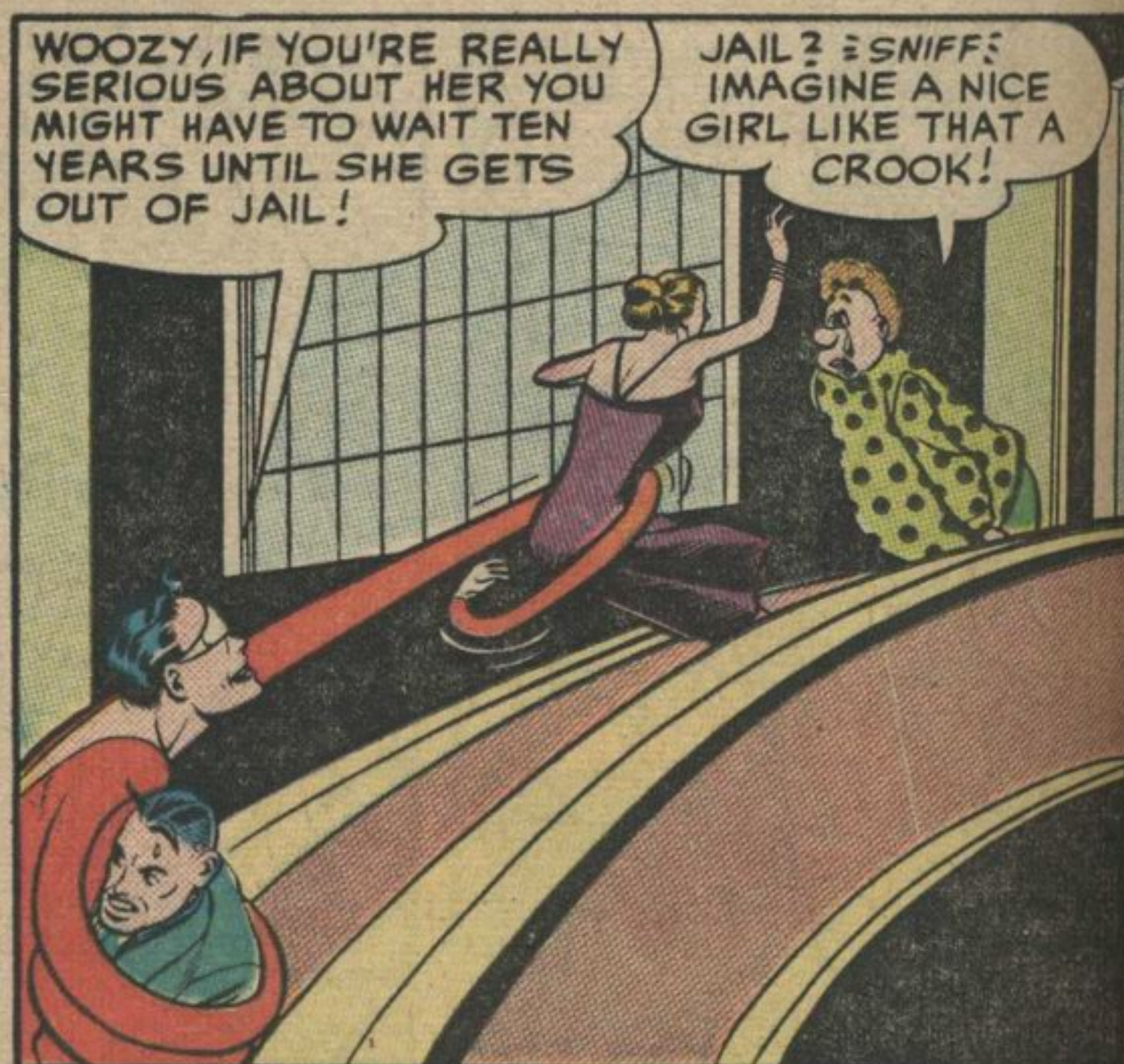
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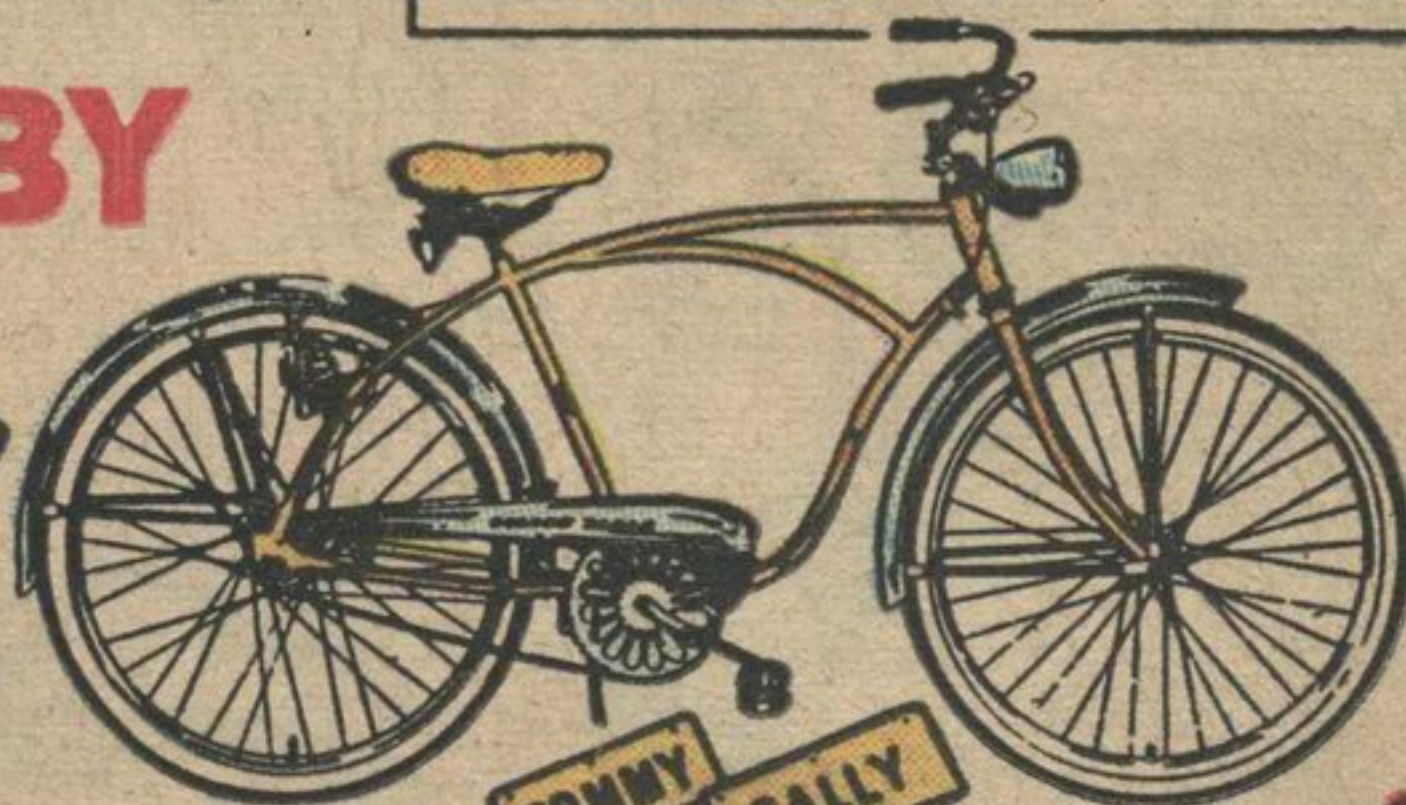
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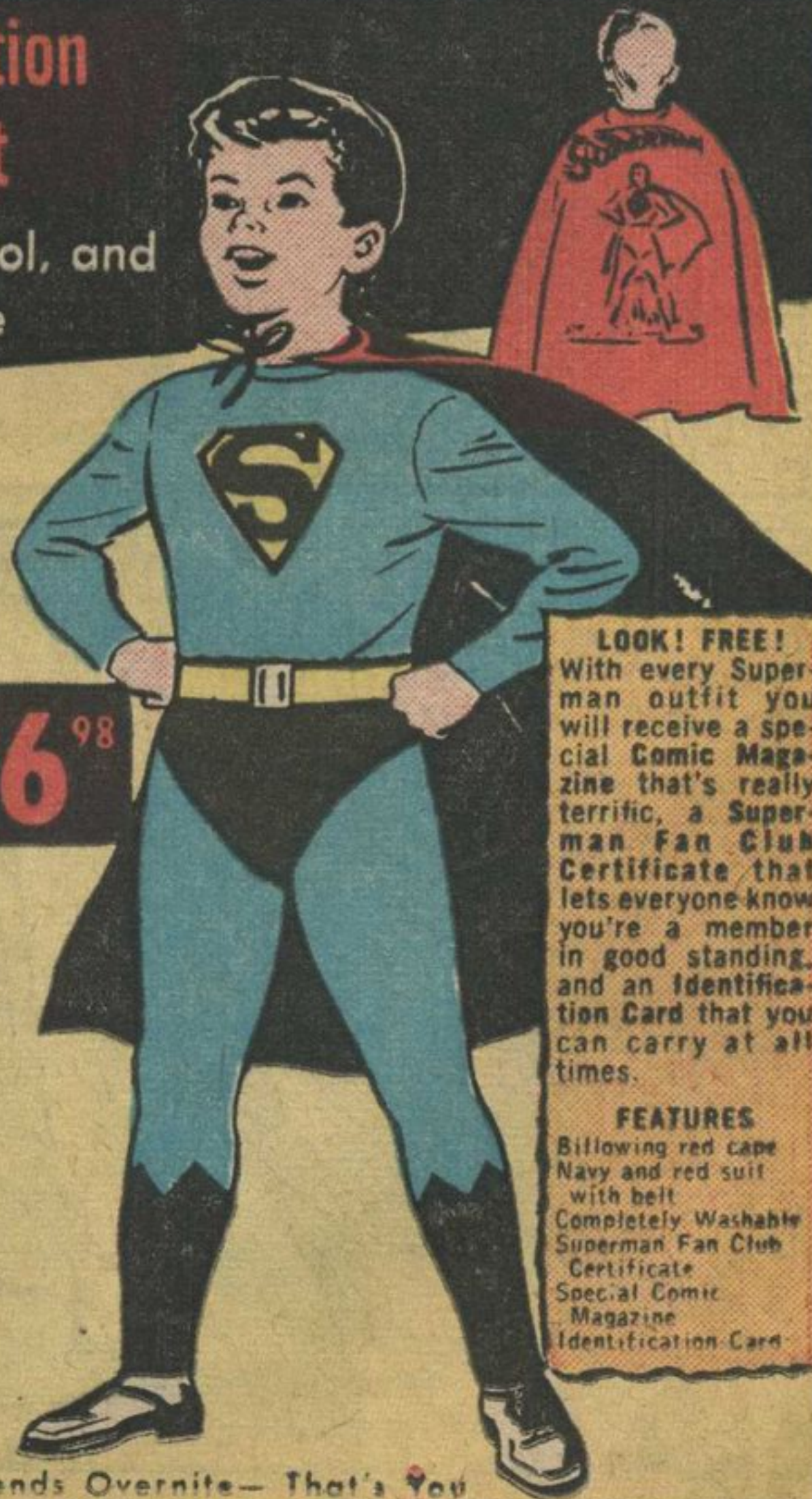


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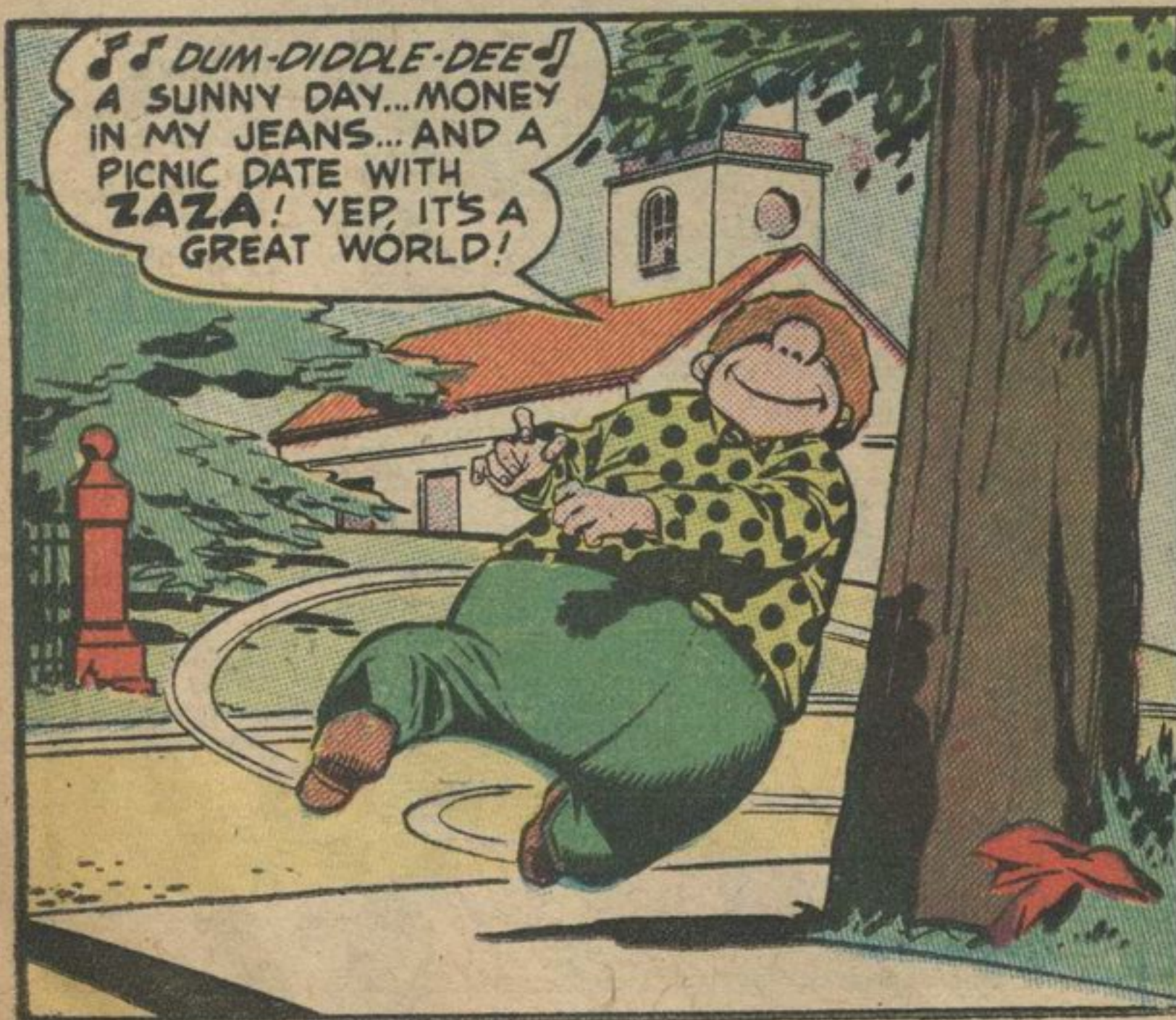
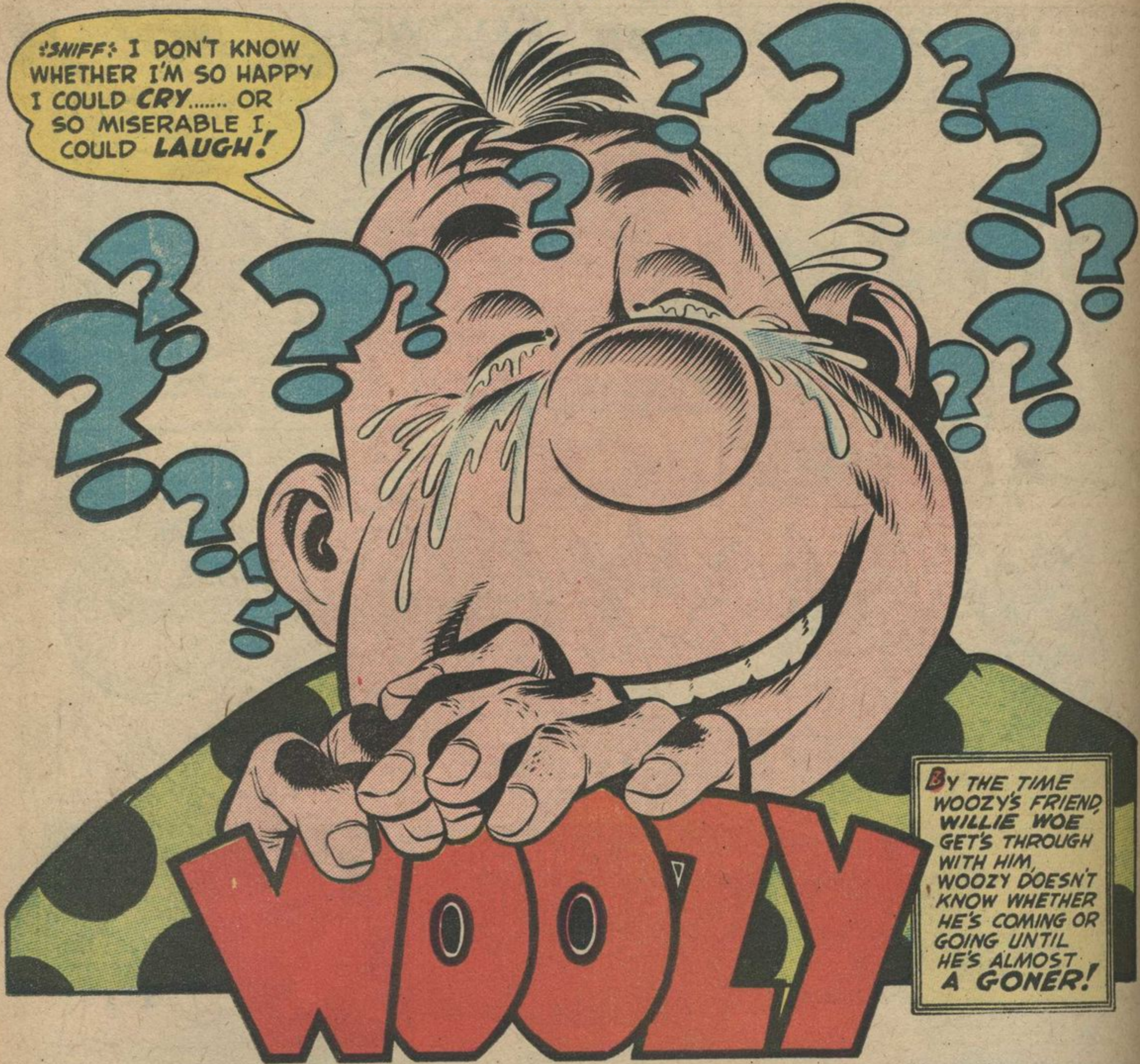
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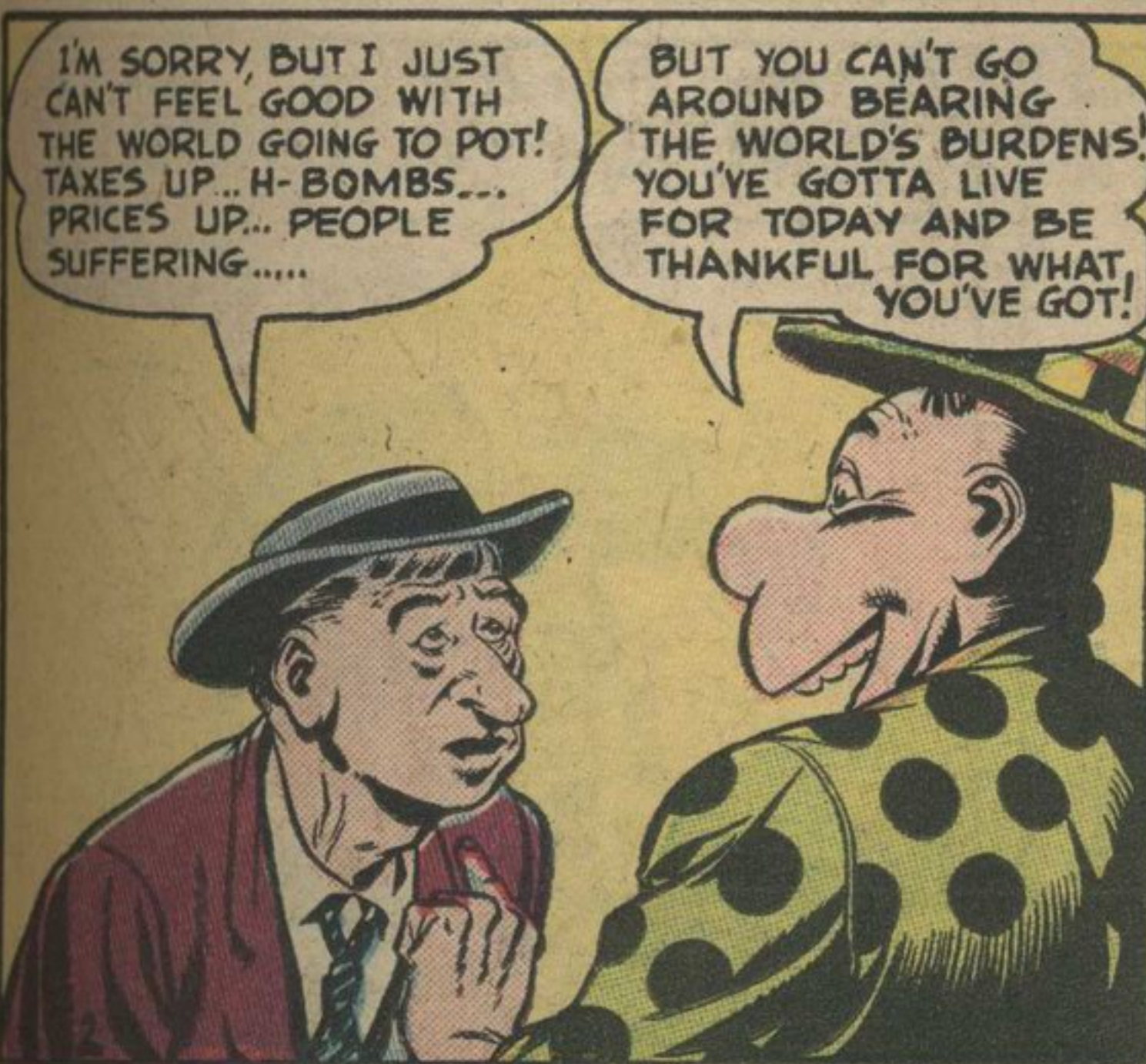
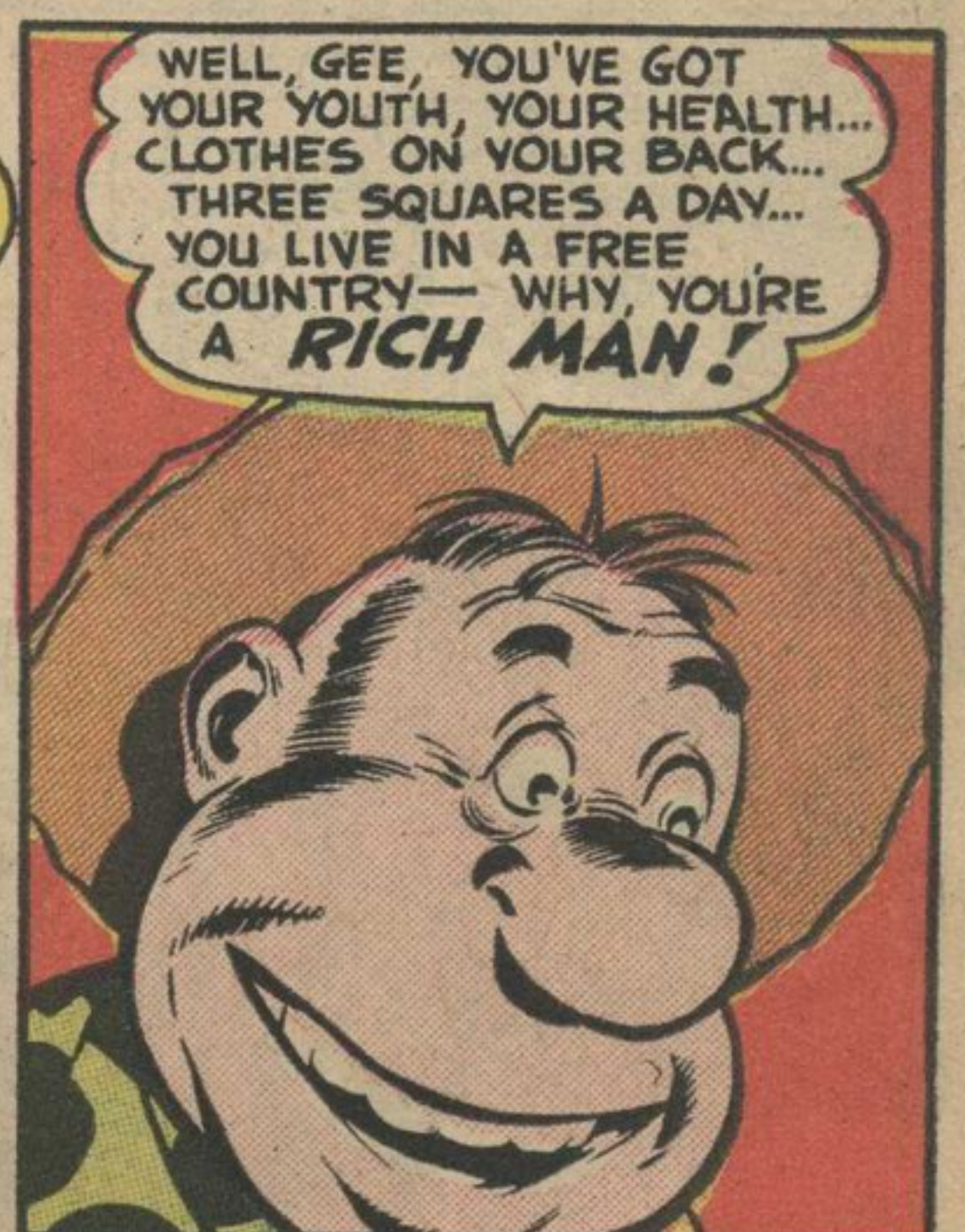
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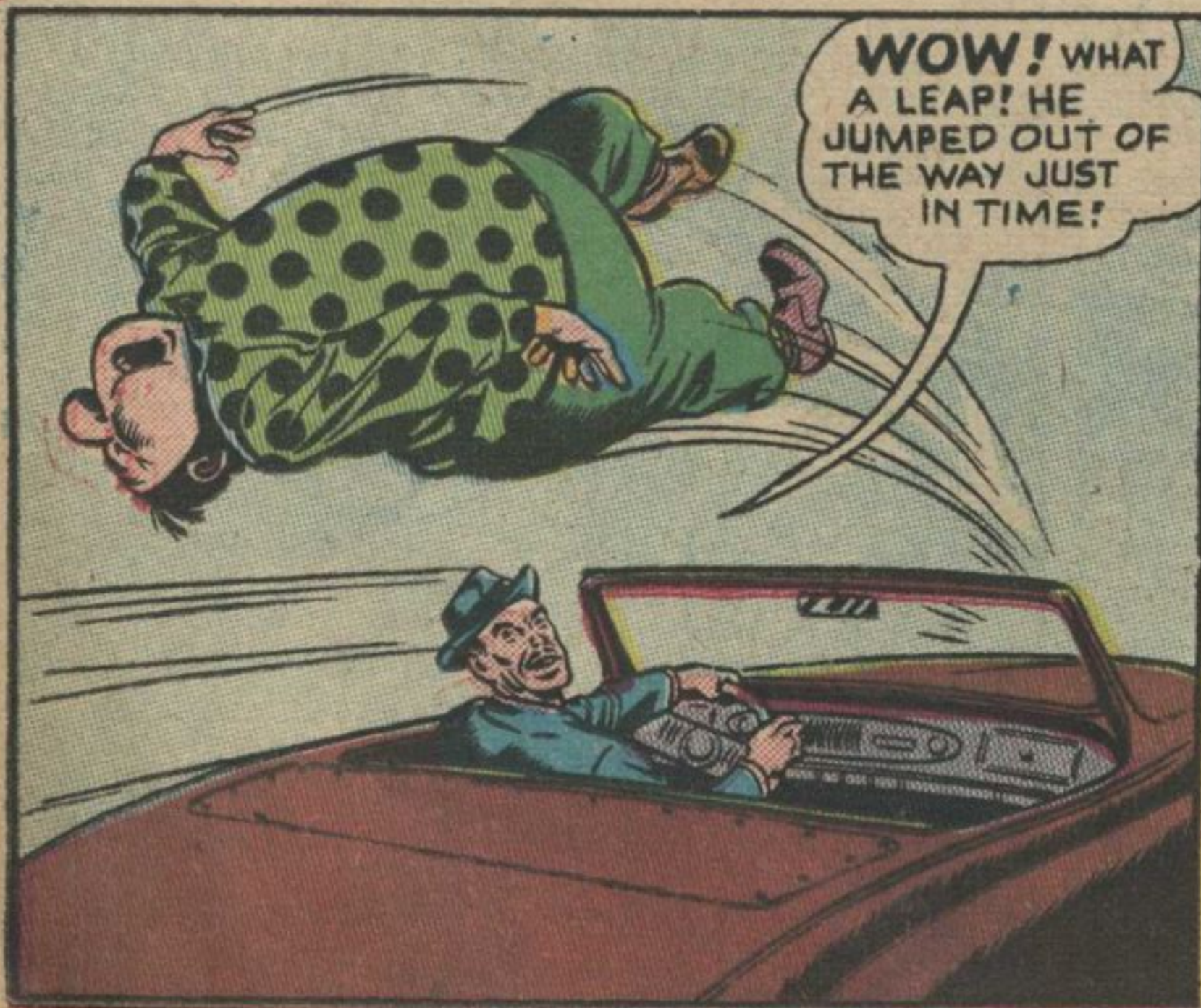
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GOING AROUND WITH
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CHARACTERS?

HEY!

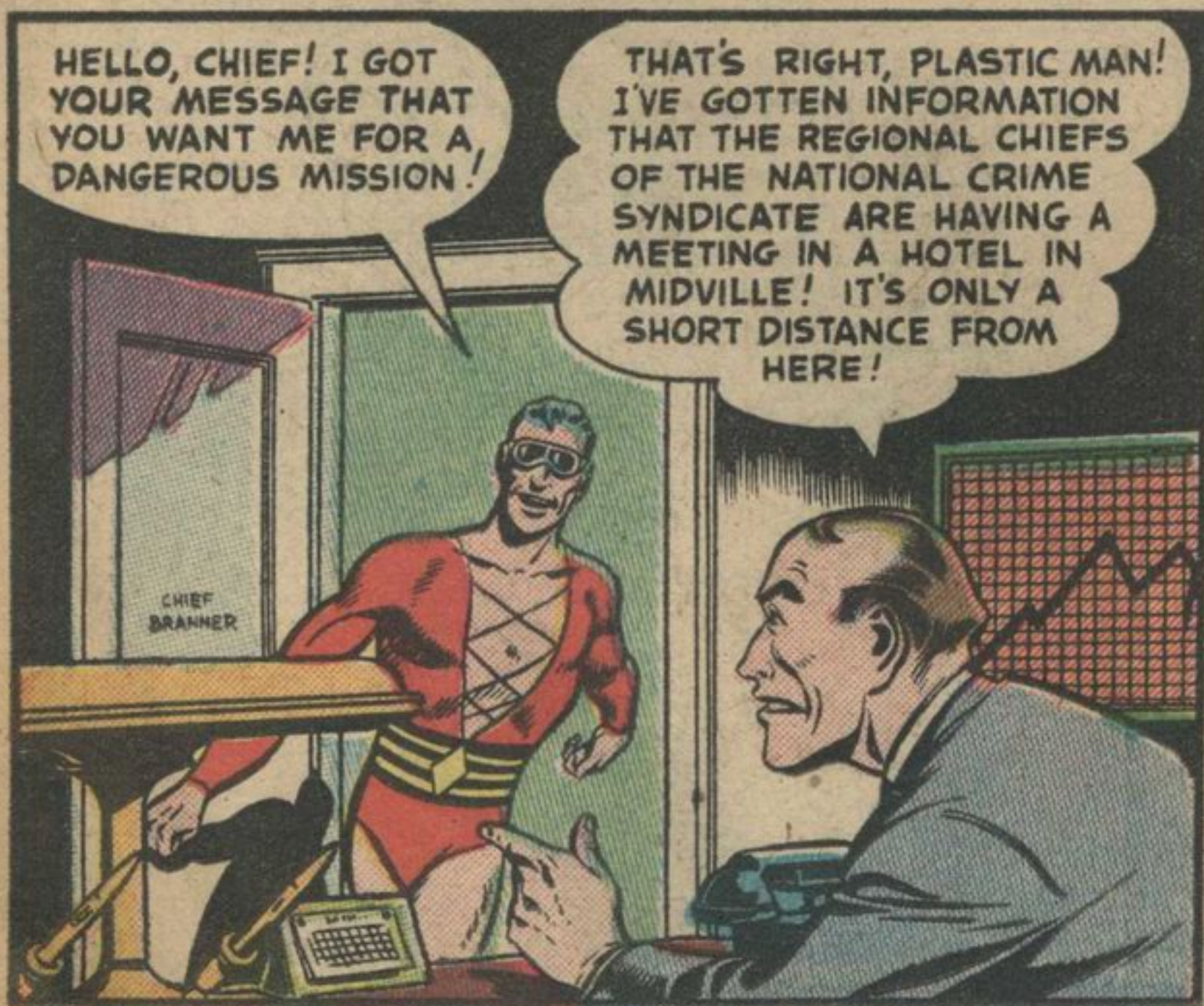
ULP!

IT LOOKED LIKE JUST A MEETING OF TWO
BUSINESS MEN IN A QUIET HOTEL! BUT
WHEN **PLASTIC MAN** FOUND THE
LEADERS OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION HE INVITED HIMSELF
IN! **RESULT:** A KNOCK-DOWN, SLAM
BANG, ROUGH AND TUMBLE BATTLE WITH
A **PHOTO FINISH!**

HELLO, CHIEF! I GOT
YOUR MESSAGE THAT
YOU WANT ME FOR A
DANGEROUS MISSION!

THAT'S RIGHT, PLASTIC MAN!
I'VE GOTTEN INFORMATION
THAT THE REGIONAL CHIEFS
OF THE NATIONAL CRIME
SYNDICATE ARE HAVING A
MEETING IN A HOTEL IN
MIDVILLE! IT'S ONLY A
SHORT DISTANCE FROM
HERE!

WE KNOW THERE IS A
CRIME CHIEF IN CHARGE OF
THE EAST AND ONE IN CHARGE
OF THE WEST! BUT NOBODY
KNOWS WHO THESE CRIME
LEADERS ACTUALLY ARE!



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SOON...

THESE MEN WILL PROBABLY BE HEAVILY GUARDED BUT I'M DEPENDING ON YOU TO GET A PHOTOGRAPH OF BOTH OF THEM SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO TRACK THEM AND CRACK DOWN AT THE OPPORTUNE TIME!

RIGHT, CHIEF! I'LL TAKE WOZZY AND BE ON MY WAY!

...SO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TAKE PICTURES OF THESE CRIME CHIEFS!

IS THAT WHAT THE CHIEF CALLS A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT FOR HIS TWO ACE CRIME FIGHTERS! TAKING PICTURES, HUH!

LATER...

THAT'S THE ONLY HOTEL IN MIDVILLE SO I GUESS IT'S WHERE WE GO!

THOSE TWO MEN ARE BEING GUARDED BY ALL THOSE GUNMEN! THEY MUST BE THE MEN WE'RE AFTER!

P-PLAS, ALL THOSE M-MEN WITH GUNS! COULDN'T WE JUST WRITE TO THESE CRIME CHIEFS, TELL THEM THAT WE'RE THEIR FANS AND ASK FOR AN AUTOGRAPHED PHOTO?

WOZZY YOU STAY HERE AND HOLD THE CAMERA UNTIL WE NEED IT! I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THOSE MEN AND FIND OUT WHAT ROOM THEY'RE IN!

S-SURE, P-PLAS! YOU GO AHEAD! I'LL WAIT HERE!

HAH, BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE MUCH TOO LOVELY TO WORK THAT SWITCHBOARD! I AM WOZZY WINKS THE ART PHOTOGRAPHER! SUCH SENSITIVITY! SUCH REFINEMENT! I CAN TELL YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AN ARTIST'S MODEL!

CHEE, WILL YOU SNAP MY PITCHER, HUH?

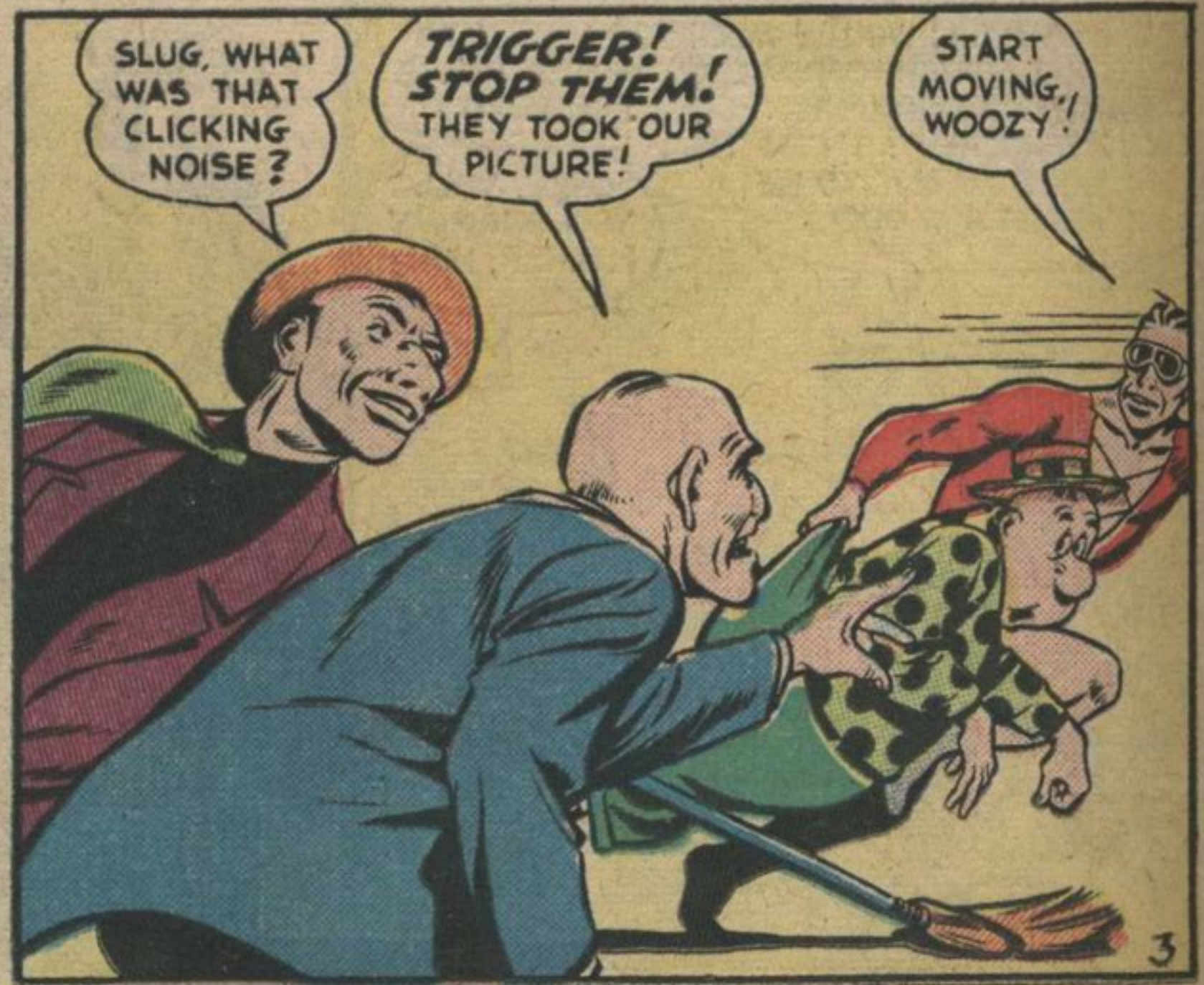
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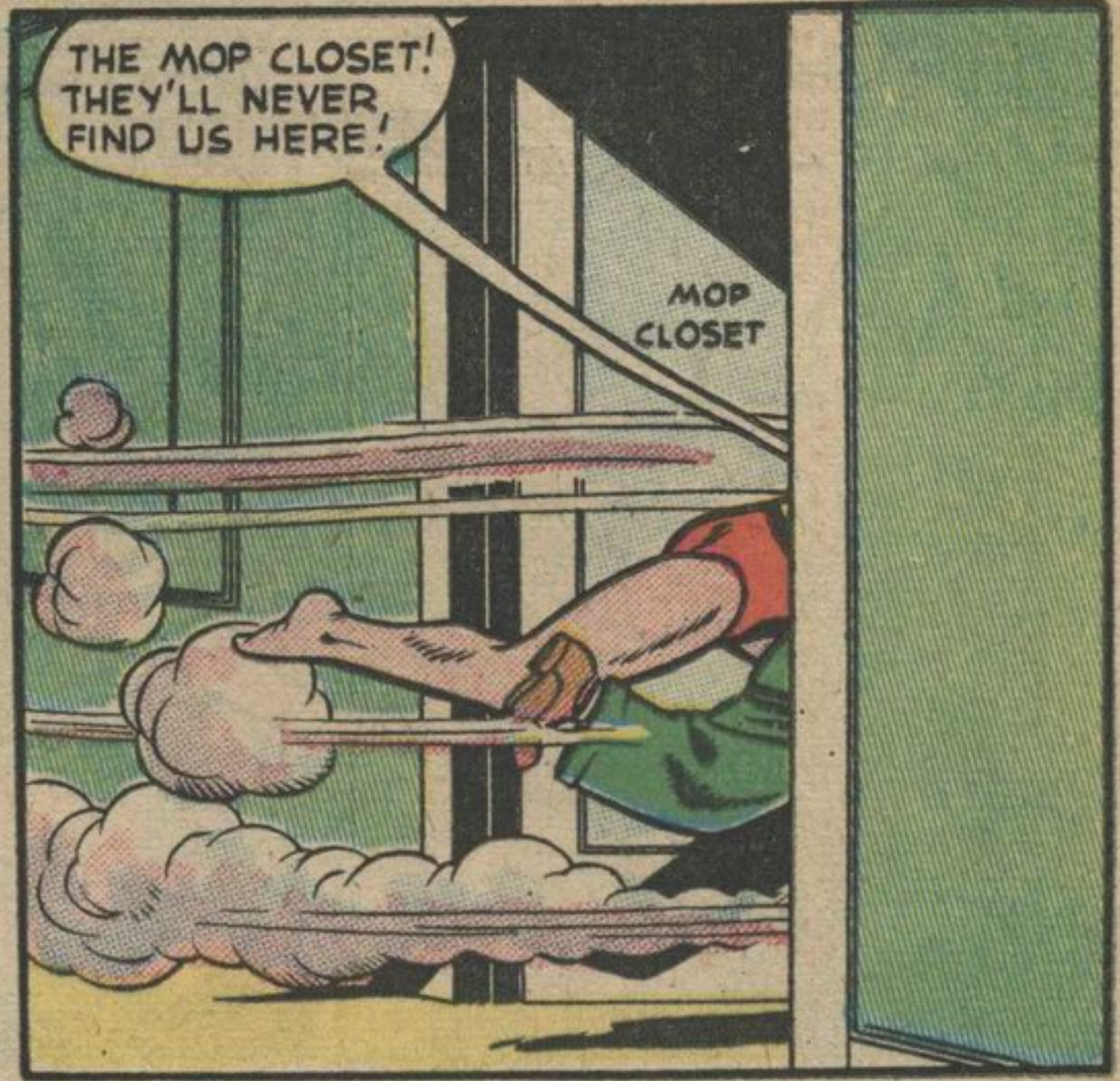
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THERE, THAT'S THE END OF THE FILM!

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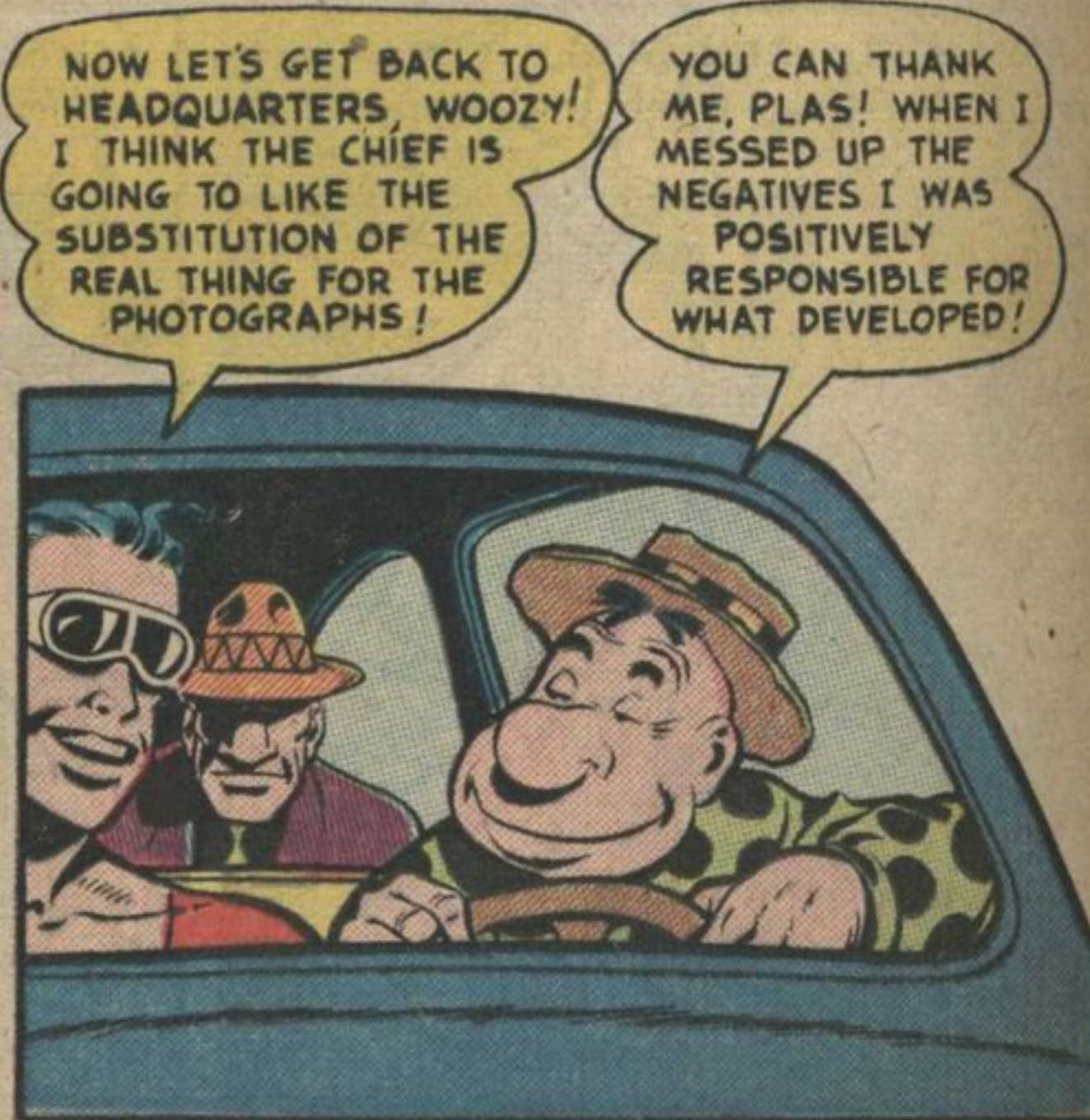
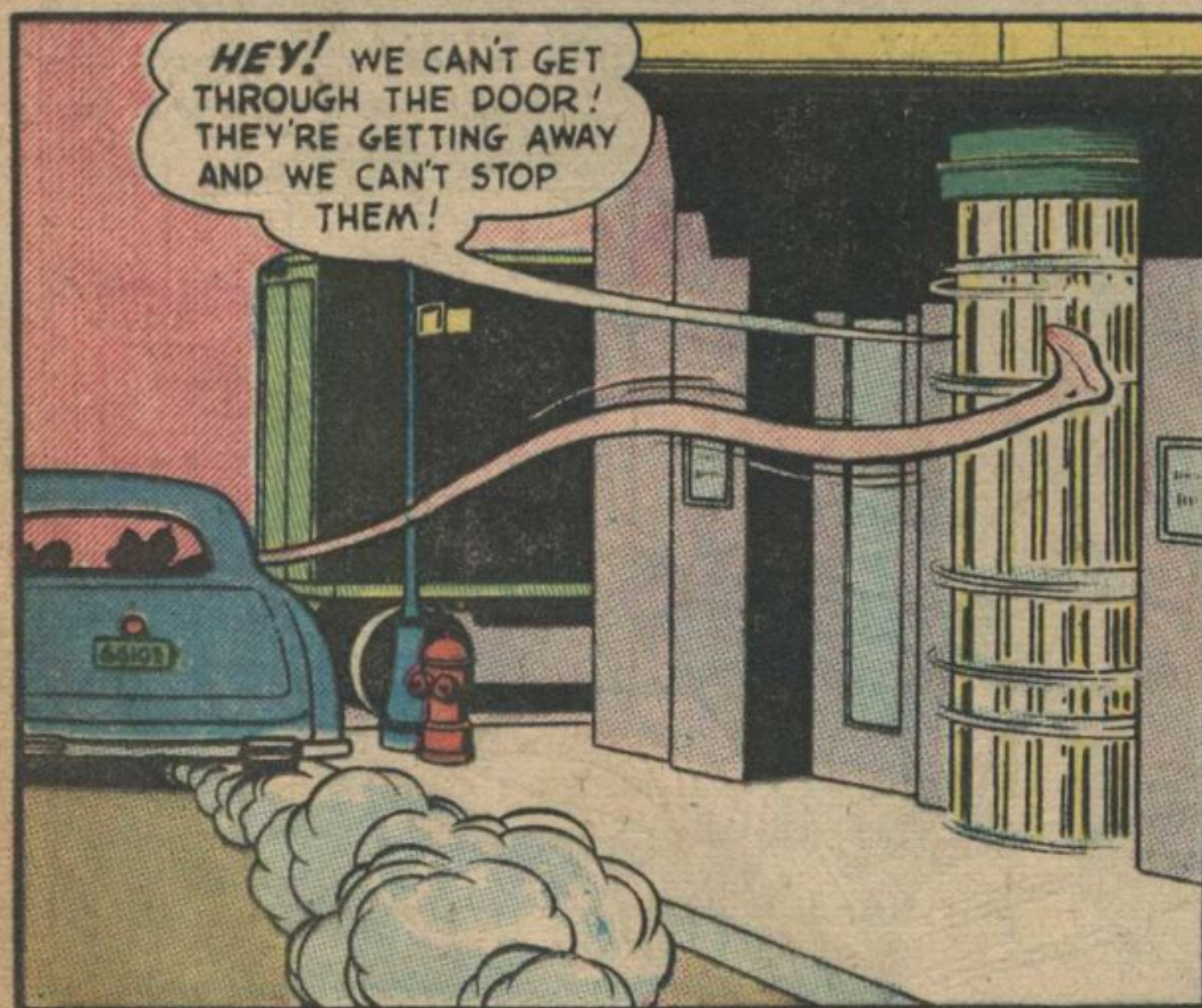
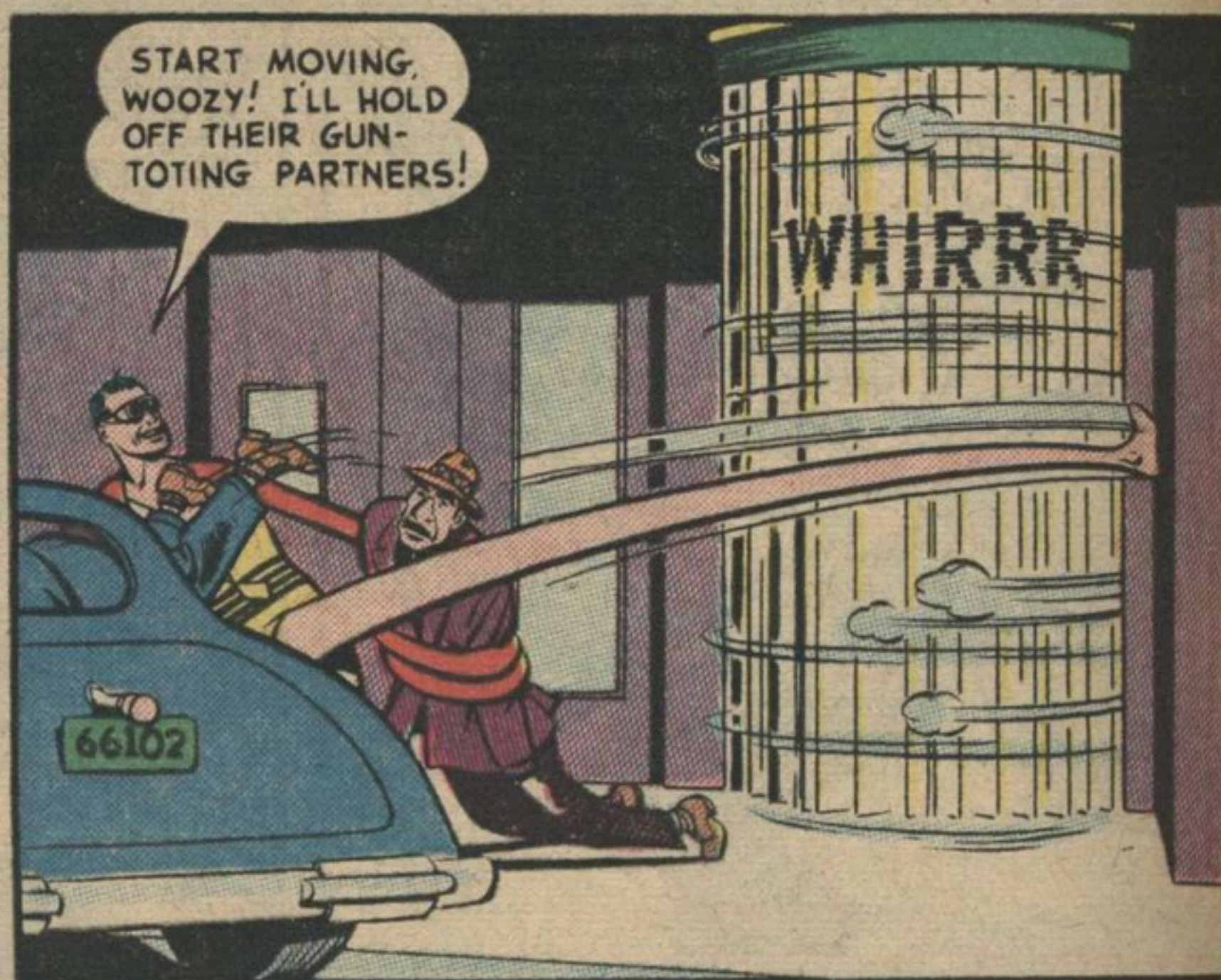
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The Obvious Clue

"LIKE I says, see," explained Bernie Lamson with a twisted grin, "I was positive I couldn't get caught! It was a cinch! I had it all figured out, the perfect crime!"

"Sounds interesting," answered Jim Rand. "It's never been done before! Tell me about it!"

"Sure, I'll tell you! Simple, see? I was a twin."

"Yeah? How does that fit in?"

"Plenty! Barney and me, we was identical! Nobody could ever tell us apart. When we was kids, we wore different colored ties or hats or somethin'. Follow me?"

"I follow you. Go ahead with the story."

"Then we got big enough to go out with girls. We never paid much attention to who went on a date. The babes didn't know the difference anyway. So we'd swap. One night I'd take a dame out and the next night, Barney would take her out. And she'd never know who was which. That was kinda fun, till Dora came along."

Bernie sat silent for a few minutes and almost went soft. Jim watched and wondered what was going through his warped mind. Then he spoke and suggested that they go on with the story.

"Okay, okay," murmured Bernie. "I'll give ya the whole thing. Don't rush me. Ya see, Dora was my girl. I never liked anybody else. I wanted her and so did Barney, only she liked me. But Barney went to her—nobody could tell us apart, you remember? Barney went to her and said he was me, Bernie. He took her away. They eloped, I mean. Only she thought it was me and he took my name. Dirty trick and I never got over it!"

"I can understand that," sympathized Jim. "Only didn't she notice the difference?"

"Only that she got a raw deal. After she died, I made up my mind to get Barney if it was the last thing I ever did! I planned a long time before I got the pitch. But it was a smart scheme. Wait till I tell you."

Bernie curled the corners of his mouth, half with contempt and half with conceit. Jim waited, knowing that he would have to allow Bernie to take his own time with the morbid details.

"He was goin' under my name, see? But I still carried my G.I. insurance under my name for ten grand. So I waited a year so it would look on the level. And I moved and took his name. See what I mean? We'd switched places so he was me and

I was him. I found out where he was and broke in at midnight. He was asleep and didn't know what hit him!"

"What did?" inquired Jim.

"A bullet! I threw the gun in the river, took the next train away from there and waited for word of my twin brother's murder. It came the next day!"

"What did you do?" Jim had to ask questions to keep the story flowing. If Bernie paused too long, he might decide not to talk about it.

"What? I went to the funeral! I carried on plenty! Then I collected the insurance—MY insurance but that was his name now. I identified him and so did several others. But MY insurance was made out to HIM! So I collected! Pretty pat, huh?"

"Up to now! Then," urged Jim, "then what happened?"

"The cops figured it was murder so they started lookin' for the killer. But I didn't worry none. The guy had it comin' and I was in the clear. To tell the truth, I felt bad about it. Honest! But, like I said, I felt good too. I got ten grand in insurance and no chance of bein' caught. The plan was foolproof!"

"I've gone along up to now, Bernie," Jim said. "Let's have the rest!"

"The cops are smart, Rand, and don't ever forget it. Nobody with any sense would try to fool 'em. Now go away!"

Jim Rand got up and walked through the door and closed it gently. He didn't have all the facts and he wanted them but he had to make a casual approach.

"Bernie," he said softly, "thanks for telling me all this. But what gave you away?"

"Fingerprints!" Bernie answered and looked grim and hateful. "Even identical twins don't have the same fingerprints. Mine were on the insurance policy and also in Barney's apartment. The cops knew the difference. I slipped!"

Bernie peered through the prison bars as Jim walked away. "I got caught, after all," he smirked. "But you gotta admit I almost won! See what a pitch? I murdered myself!"

Jim Rand walked away, feeling a little bad about bleeding a guy for a confession! But he was a reporter, out to get a story!

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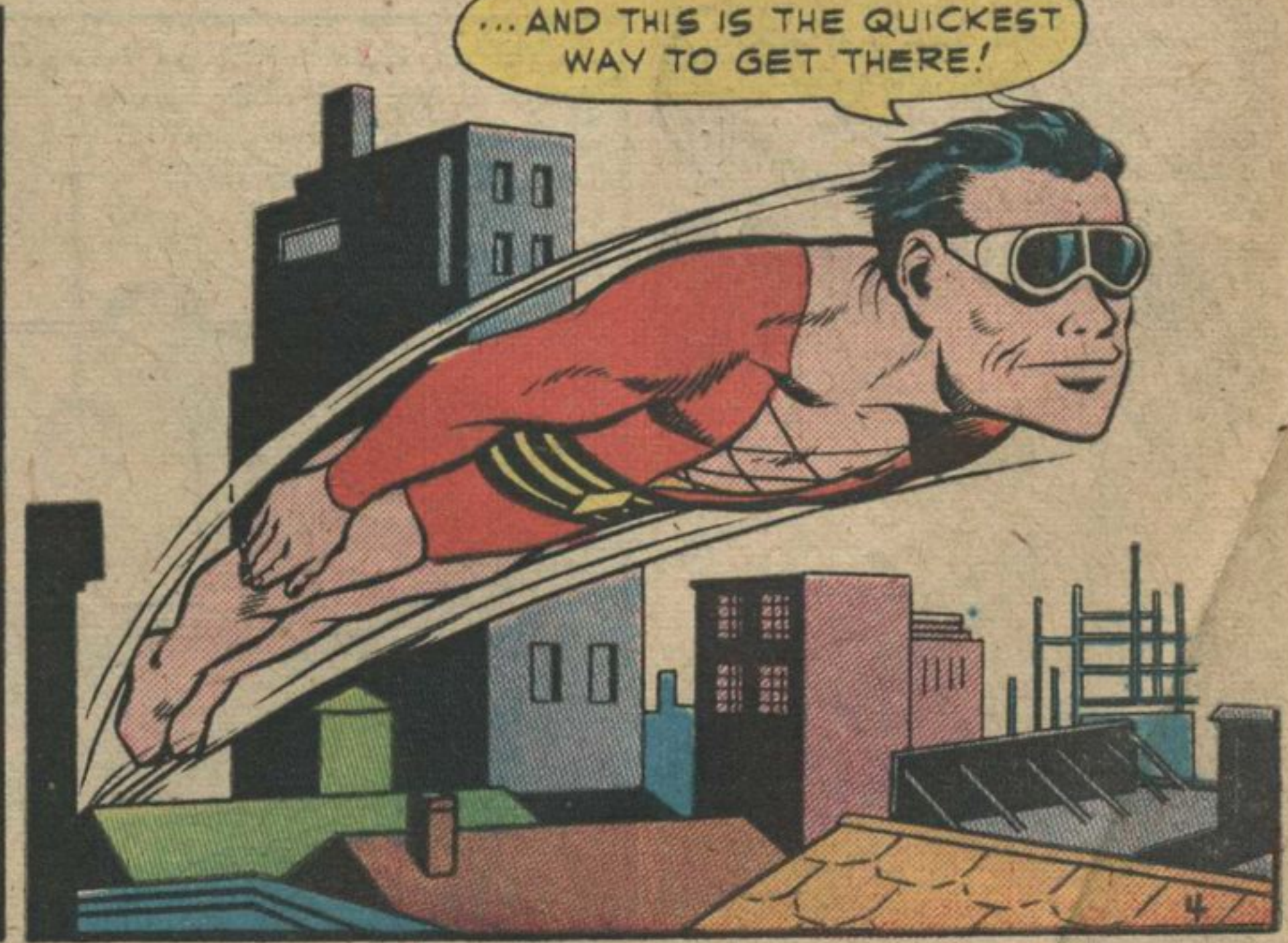
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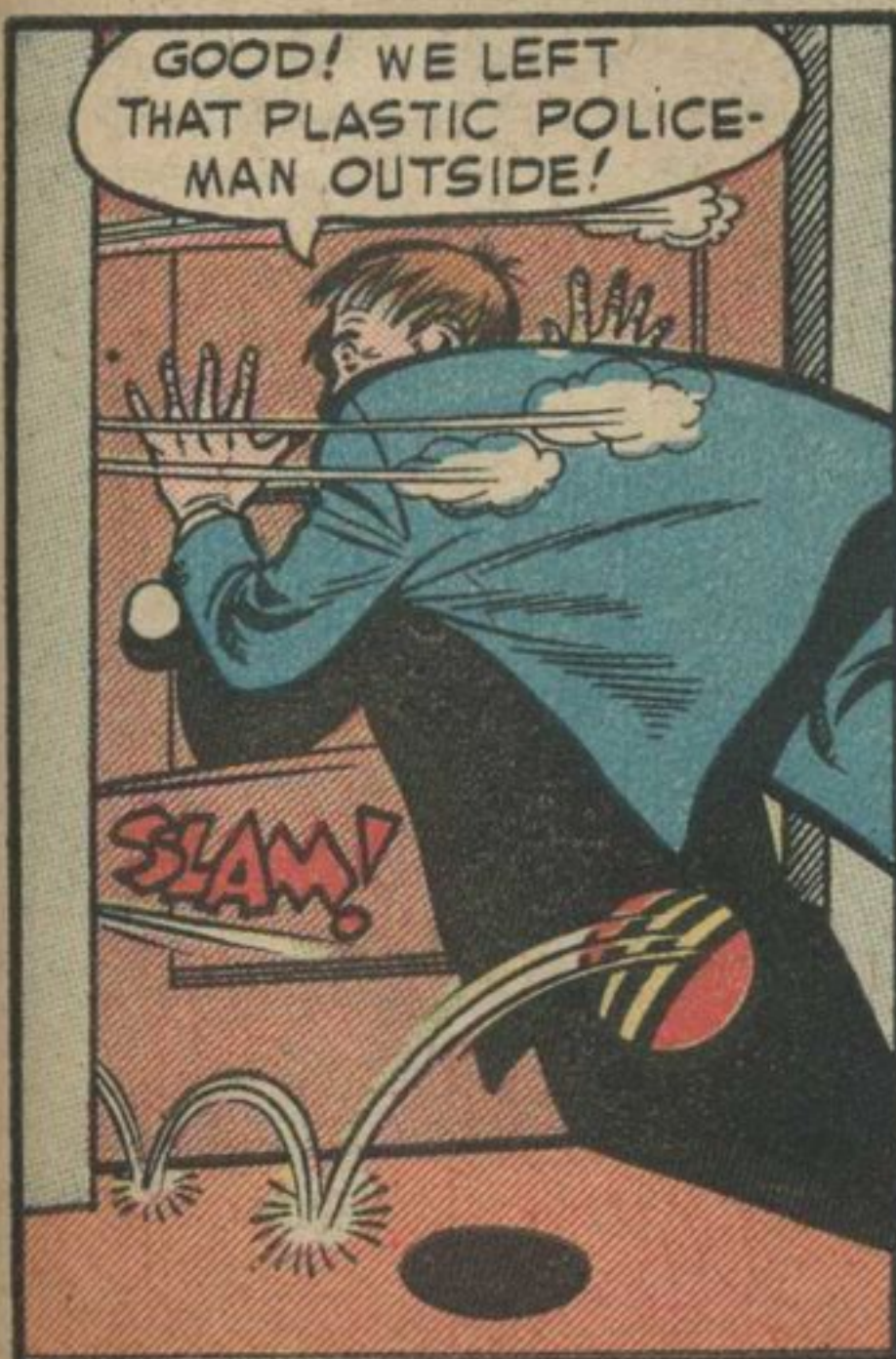
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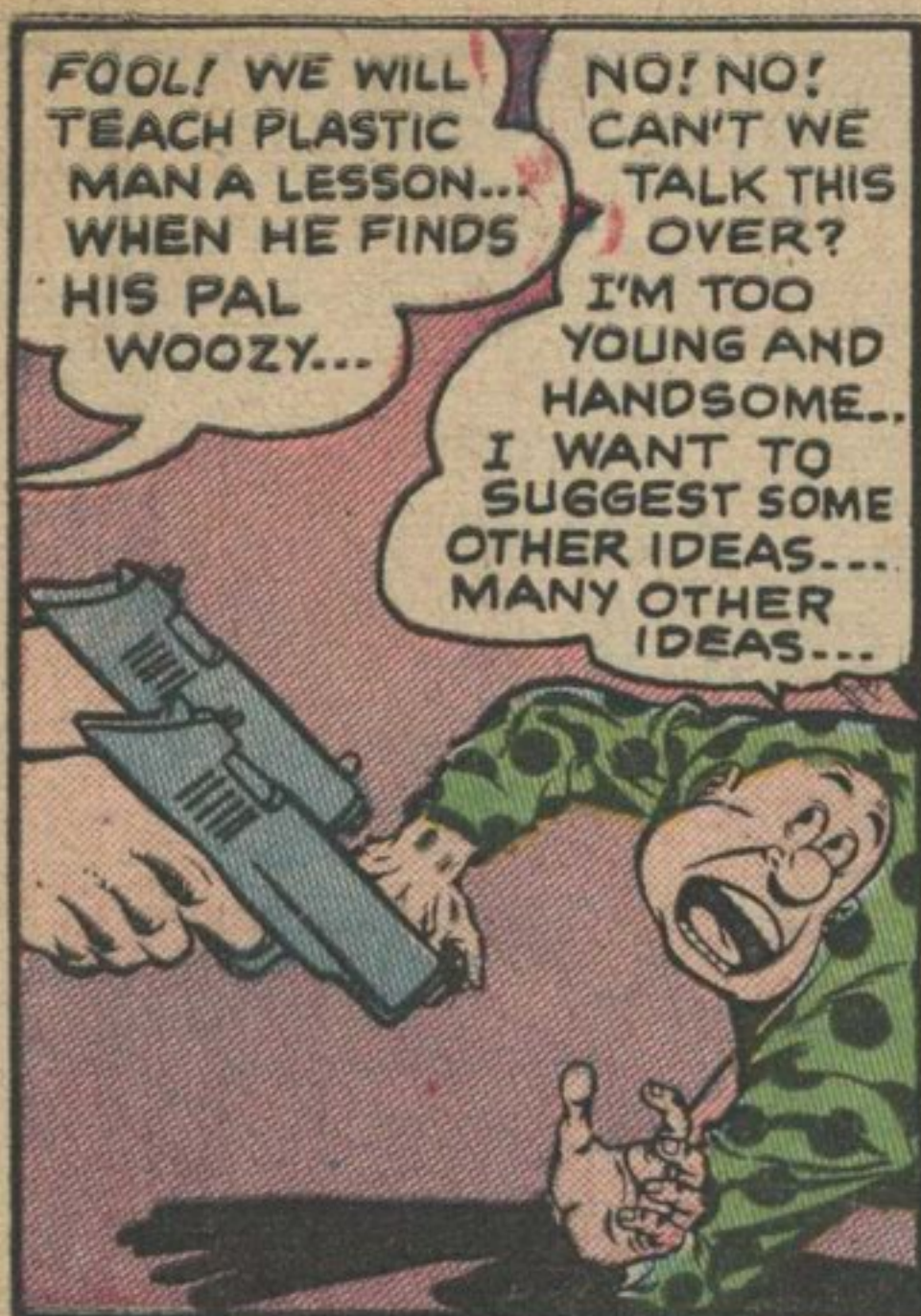
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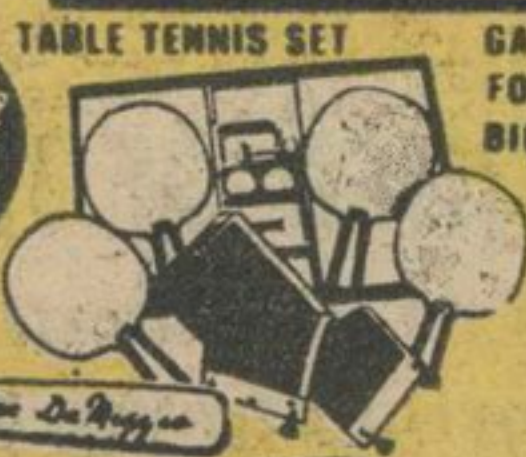
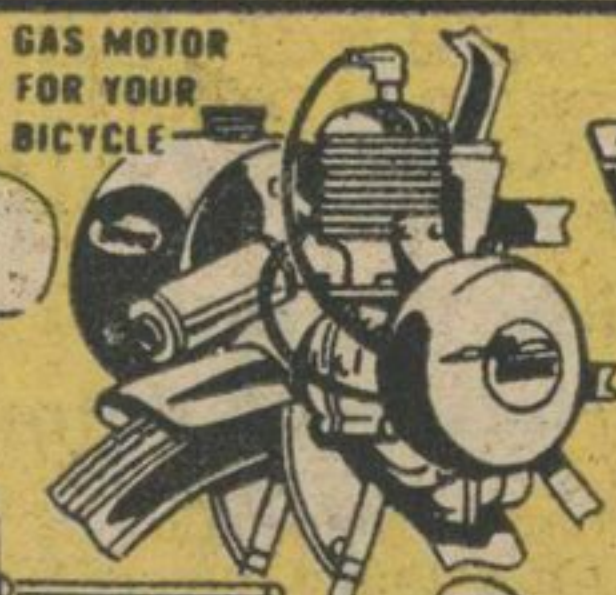


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